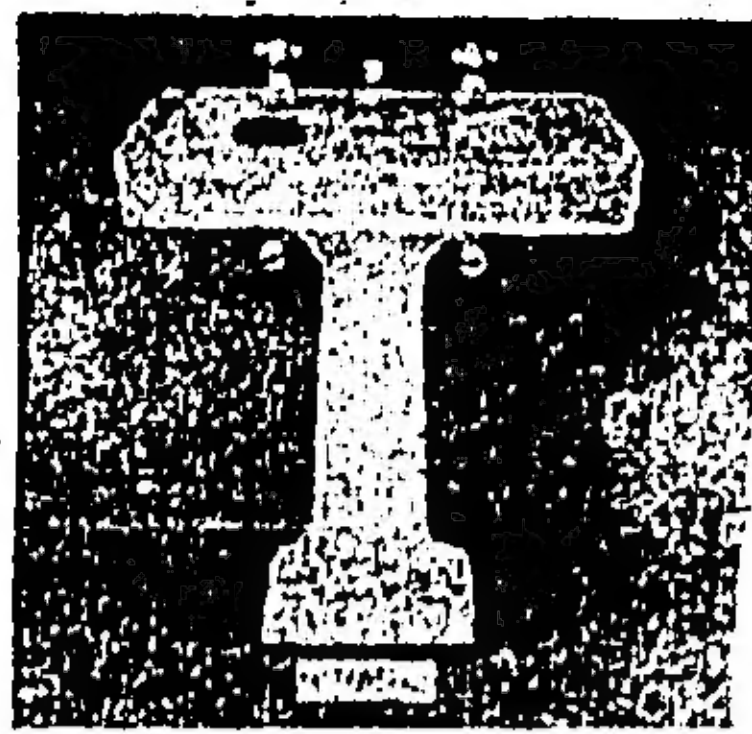


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BRITISH EMPIRE
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GOLD STANDARD.

CANADA ORDERS
EMBARGO.

SOUTH AFRICA IN
DANGER.

Ottawa, Oct. 19.
Canada's gold position is becoming precarious following the steady results on the Canadian dollar in New York. An Order-in-Council was issued this evening forbidding the export of gold except by Government licence.—*Reuter.*

The Order-in-Council is applicable until March 1, 1932, and is designed to safeguard the gold standard and to enable overseas obligations to be met while maintaining the present statutory gold deposits against Canadian note issues.

It is pointed out that the principal overseas obligations relate to several million dollars in official loans and interest due to America shortly.—*Reuter.*

Rhodesian "Gold Rush."

Capetown, Oct. 14.
There was a remarkable "gold rush" to Rhodesia today, a number of aeroplanes from southern Africa carrying large bundles of South Rhodesian bank notes to take advantage of the last day for converting them on a gold basis. Each plane carried a full load of notes.

Although the South African Minister of the Interior stated only yesterday that the Government would consider after the British election whether it would follow the example of Rhodesia and go off the gold standard, General Horizon, the Prime Minister, today told a party Congress at Bloemfontein that the Government is determined not to go off unless driven to it. In his opinion, he said, there are no grounds to expect a recovery in the world's economic situation for at least four years. He said he considered revision of the Versailles Treaty indispensable to reconstruction.—*Reuter.*

BANK MANAGER
"WANTED."

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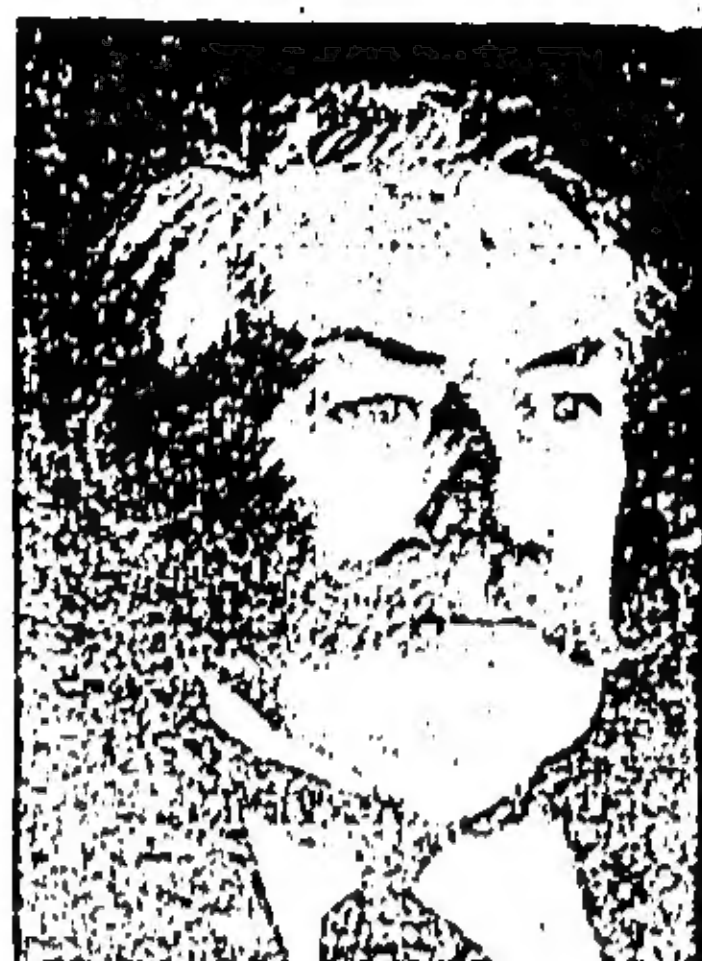
A warrant for the arrest of Chan King-fai, former manager of the Kowloon branch of the National Commercial and Savings Bank, has been issued on a charge of larceny by bail of \$15,000. The fugitive was employed as manager in the branch at Nathan Road, Kowloon, and is stated to have been formerly a clerk in the Ho Hong Bank at Singapore, where he was educated. A native of Kam Sha Chau village, he arrived in Hongkong about six years ago and is described as being 27 years of age, of average height and slender build. He wears spectacles, speaks Chiu Chau, some Panti and speaks and writes English well. A reward of \$1,000 is offered for information leading to his arrest and conviction.

ARSON CHARGE AT
KOWLOON.

MAN AND WOMAN IN
THE DOCK.

There was a sequel to the fire at Reclamation Street on Sunday morning, the Kowloon Magistrate, before Mr. Fraser this morning, when a man, Lam Chi, and a woman, Chiu Ho, were charged with maliciously setting fire to a shop at No. 83, Reclamation Street with intent to defraud, and with maliciously setting fire to furniture and clothing in the shop.

District Inspector Clark, who prosecuted, applied for a week's formal remand, which was granted.



M. Briand, President of the League Council, who is trying to mediate in the Manchuria dispute.

Oldest V.C.
Passes.

Hero of Afghan
Campaign.

SIR REGINALD HART

London, Oct. 19.
The oldest holder of the Victoria Cross, General Sir Reginald Hart, died at Bourne-mouth today at the age of 83 years.

It was when serving on the Afghan Campaign of 1879, as a Lieutenant in the Royal Engineers, that the deceased won the V. C. "for his gallant conduct in risking his own life in endeavouring to save the life of a private soldier."

In this campaign he served with the Khyber Column, first with the 2nd Division attached as a regimental officer to the 24th Punjab Native Infantry and afterwards with the 1st Division. He was several times employed by the Quarter-Master General's Department in making reconnaissances, being mentioned in despatches and awarded the V.C.

It was whilst on convoy duty with the Peshawar Field Force on January 31st, 1879, that he won the coveted honour by taking the initiative in running some 1,200 yards to the rescue of a wounded Sowar of the 13th Bengal Lancers in a river-bed exposed to the fire of the enemy.

General Hart also saw service in Abyssinia, Egypt and the North-West Frontier. He became Commander-in-Chief in South Africa in 1912, and during the Great War was Lieutenant Governor of Guernsey. He was born at Seaford, Co. Clare, Ireland.—*British Wireless.*

MOTOR COACH FALLS
DOWN RAVINE.

FIVE PEOPLE KILLED IN
SWITZERLAND.

Fribourg, Oct. 15.
This morning four women passengers and the driver were killed when a motor coach near here hurtled down a ravine owing to a burst tyre. Six other women passengers were seriously hurt. All the women are school teachers.

SILVER UP AGAIN.

NO CHANGE IN DOLLAR
QUOTATION.

The official rate of the Hongkong dollar remains unchanged at 1s. 3d. today, but no business is recorded, and the undertone of the market is slightly easier.

Silver is up 1/16th in London for spot, but unchanged forward. India bought and China sold, buyers being satisfied after small business. New York is up 3/8th. All the cross-rates are gradually creeping up in favour of London, the New York rate being 3.90.

Shanghai quotation is 1s. 8 1/2d. The market there is on the easy side, with no business reported.

Conversations With Delegates.

Opinions Differ on the
Prospects of Success.

JAPAN CHANGES FRONT.

OPINIONS appear to differ regarding the chances of a settlement of the Sino-Japanese dispute in Manchuria following the united efforts of the Powers represented in Geneva. The London newspapers state that the impression prevails that the prospects have increased as a result of M. Briand's conversations with Dr. Sze and Mr. Yoshizawa yesterday. *Reuter* says the general impression is that not much progress has been made.

Meanwhile, Japan has withdrawn her objection to Mr. Prentiss Gilbert's presence at Geneva, and has informed the United States that Japan is withdrawing her troops as rapidly as possible.

M. Briand is endeavouring to find a basis for discussion before the next Council meeting, but he seems to favour direct negotiation. China is not keen to find her own solution.

MORE PEACE PACT REMINDERS.

Geneva, Oct. 19.
M. Briand, whose authority makes him a valuable intermediary between the parties to the Manchuria dispute, saw Mr. Yoshizawa this afternoon and is receiving Dr. Alfred Sze at five o'clock.

The conversation between M. Briand and Mr. Yoshizawa consisted merely in an exchange of views.

10-Minute Talk.

Later.
Dr. Sze saw M. Briand at five o'clock and remained with him for about forty minutes. At the conclusion, Dr. Sze told newspapermen that no definite proposal had been discussed. The conversations, he said, were still limited to exchanges of views.

The general impression is that not much progress has been made, but nothing will probably be known as to the actual facts of the situation until the matter is brought before the Council, to which M. Briand will give an account of his efforts to bring the parties together.

It is affirmed on good authority that the Council are likely to make proposals to China and Japan which will run along the lines of those suggested in September.

Next Word With Disputants.

The opinion is expressed that the next word rests with Tokyo and Nanking. The Council, however, does not desire to adhere to any hard and fast formula and if the two parties find a basis for settlement, the Council will be delighted to acquiesce.

Kellogg Pact Reminders.

It is authoritatively learned that the French, Italian, German and Norwegian representatives on the Council of the League have made representations to the Chinese and Japanese Governments reminding them of their obligations under the Kellogg Pact.

Other delegates to the Council are obtaining instructions from their respective governments before taking similar action.

A message from Washington announces that the United States Government will join the Council of the League in invoking the Kellogg Pact in order to prevent Sino-Japanese hostilities in Manchuria, but carefully refraining from taking the leading role.

The leading role, as indicated yesterday, has been taken by Great Britain.

Direct Negotiations.

Later.
It is understood that M. Briand is continuing his efforts to facilitate direct negotiations between the Chinese and Japanese Govern-

AGED BEGGARS.

Round-up During
Festival.

A total of 557 years with an average age of 69, was represented by eight mendicants, four men and four women, who were charged at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The ragged gang were collected by the Police in a round up, yesterday which stretched from the Lowry Tram Station to the Peak itself where thousands of Chinese were celebrating a festival corresponding with All Souls Day.

A particularly bad case was stressed by the Police who speaking of one of the male defendants, who was blind, said he had two or three children whom he kept out in the streets in all weathers. He had at one time been granted a free licence as a condition that he left off begging, but had persisted.

A fine of \$20, or one month's imprisonment, was imposed in this case.

A fine of \$2 was imposed in another case. A blind seamstress, whose case was found deserving, was assisted with money allotted from the Poor Box to enable her to return to the country.

Options were administered in other cases.

Strong Gale Still Possible.

TYPHOON SOUTH OF COLONY.

The typhoon which yesterday was moving in the direction of Hongkong later changed its course, inclining westwards. This indicated the likelihood of its passing well to the south of the Colony.

This morning, the Royal Observatory reported that the typhoon appeared to be about 200 miles south of Hongkong, and that it might be moving west or filling up.

Seen by a *Telegraph* representative this morning, Mr. T. F. Claxton, Director of the Observatory, stated that the typhoon was rather a severe one, but he had not received a great deal of information on it. There was, however, little likelihood of its passing close to Hongkong, but if the wind veers to the N.E. or E., it was quite possible that a somewhat severe gale might be experienced here.

The No. 1 warning signal still remains hoisted.

A message from the Manila Observatory at 8.55 a.m. today definitely stated that the typhoon was filling up.

CHINESE CLUBS AND H.K.F.A.

DRAFTING OF LETTER NOT COMPLETE.

The final draft of the letter of the Chinese football clubs to the Hongkong Football Association has not, I understand, been completed. Arrangements have, however, been made for a further joint meeting on Thursday when the letter will be submitted for approval. If such approval is obtained, the letter is likely to be in the hands of the H.K.F.A. on Friday morning.—*"WANDERER."*

ARMED ROBBERY.

RAID IN YAUMATI THIS MORNING.

Shortly after ten o'clock this morning, an armed robbery took place at No. 20, Bowring Road, Yaumati, the victims being a family which live on the second floor.

The preliminary Police report indicates that six men were implicated, one being armed with a revolver and three others with daggers. They bound and gagged the inmates, and escaped with a large haul of money and property of an amount at present undetermined.



Photo taken on Peak Path yesterday showing some of the thousands of Chinese who sought higher climes on the occasion of the Chung Yang Festival, the secondary Ching Ming. It is a religious festival requiring people to go to the highest possible point "to reach towards Heaven."

THE HIGH-PRESSURE ELECTION.

RAPID FIRE CAMPAIGN INTENSIFIES.

London, Oct. 19.
The election campaign, has entered upon a second week and with Polling Day only eight days away, candidates all over the country are intensifying their efforts to reach the electorate through thousands of public meetings, tons of literature and vast armies of canvassers.

Appeals by the various political leaders over the wireless, reaching millions of listeners in their homes are, however, probably more effective in the present contest than the old-style electioneering methods and are certainly playing a more prominent part than ever before.

Broadcast Appeals.

In continuation of a series of talks broadcast from all B.B.C. stations, there will be four addresses this week, including one by Mr. Arthur Henderson, the leader of the Labour Party. The final radio address will be delivered by the Prime Minister on Saturday.

Another novelty of the campaign is the growing use of aerial transport by candidates and organisers.

British Stocks Rise.

A distinctly hopeful sentiment prevailed on the Stock Exchange

to-day, and the leading feature was the strength of British Government Stocks, which showed a general advance of a quarter to three-quarters.

Prime Minister's Campaign.

The Prime Minister, who rested in the country during the week-end, today resumed his election campaign in his constituency, Seaford Harbour.

Although offered safe seats in several other localities, the Premier insisted on appealing again—to his old—constituency, where the voters are mainly Durham miners and where the leaders of the local Labour Party, by a small majority, expressed disapproval of his action in becoming head of the National Government.

This has involved him in a keenly-fought contest against a local Labour official, Mr. W. R. Coxon, who is receiving strong support from the Trade Union and Labour Party organisations. A third candidate, also a local man, is one of the few Communists contesting seats at this election. No Communist obtained a seat at the last General Election, when of eighteen candidates professing that political creed, nearly all had to forfeit their deposit through failure to poll one-eighth of the electorate which voted in the constituency they contested.—*British Wireless.*



Disaffection in many quarters over the British Government's economic policy influences the election to a greater extent than the Conservatives suppose. Our photo shows the head of a procession of 3,000 London teachers, who marched in protest against their 15 per cent cut recently. Their grievances have also been sent to the Government.

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TSANG FOO VILLA MURDER.

TWELVE CHINESE APPEAR IN DOCK.

TERRIBLE ORDEAL.

Proceedings were commenced at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon before Mr. Fraser against the 12 Chinese who are charged with murder in connexion with the tragic happenings in Tsang Foo Villas on the night of September 26, when a mob broke into a house and killed six of the Japanese inmates and wounded others.

The original charge against all the defendants was that they did "feloniously kill and murder one Miyo Yamashita at Tsang Foo Villas on September 26, 1931," but at yesterday's hearing, Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, who prosecuted, amended the charge to include the six murdered people instead of taking the case of only one.

The defendants were as follows:
 (1) Wong Hong, 25, gardener.
 (2) Lai Tung-hoi, 19, gardener.
 (3) Tsang Cheung, 22, gardener.
 (4) Cheung Kam-chi, 20, schoolboy.
 (5) Wong Ka-hung, 16, student.
 (6) Ho Tim-yau, 15, coolie.
 (7) Lau Fat, 20, unemployed.
 (8) Cheung Lung-pak, 70, unemployed.
 (9) Yuen Yau-hong, 63, master of On Cheung Noodle Factory.
 (10) Tse Lim-wan, 48, coolie.
 (11) Tam Cheung, 26, gardener.
 (12) Yiu Kam, 25, gardener.

Mr. F. X. D'Almeida, Sr., appeared on behalf of the ninth defendant.

Crown Case.

Outlining the case, Mr. Whyte-Smith said that the Crown case would be that the 12 men were members of a riotous mob which brutally murdered six Japanese on the roof of their house in Kowloon City on the night of September 26. The first four men were arrested on the roof by the Police when they arrived at 10.10 p.m., the fifth on the ledge of a gable on the first floor at the same time, trying to escape from the house; the sixth the following day on information; seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh in the neighbourhood shortly after midnight. These five were arrested in huts in Po Kong Village, which is near Tsang Foo Villas. The twelfth defendant was arrested on September 27 as a result of a conversation which was alleged to have been overheard.

From statements made by some of the defendants, it was possible to anticipate what the defence would be. The defence would be that they went there to see and that they had taken no part in the killing. That being so, Mr. Whyte-Smith quoted several authorities, showing that if a number of persons combined to commit a murder, then the others in the party were also guilty of murder even if they did not actually take part in the killing. Mr. Whyte-Smith submitted that the common object of the 12 defendants was to murder the Japanese in Tsang Foo Villas, cause them grievous bodily harm, or destroy their property.

The Household.

The ground floor of Tsang Foo Villas, went on Mr. Whyte-Smith, was occupied by a Japanese family. The father of the family was Yamashita, now deceased, and the household consisted of himself, his wife, his mother, aged 73, four sons, aged ten, nine, six and four. The two aged nine and four were now dead. A female relative, a Miss Yoshi, survived, but a Japanese ayah, aged 16, was also dead. The only Japanese who

were in a position to give evidence were two Japanese carpenters who happened to be visiting the family on the afternoon in question, another friend of the family, and the boy of 10 who would give some evidence, but not very much. The relative of the family Miss Yoshi was not now in the Colony, but even if she were here, her evidence would only be corroborative of that of the two carpenters.

The boy hid in a tank on the roof, where he was discovered when the Police arrived. The boy of six could not see anything in any case he was not now in the Colony.

At 4.30 p.m. on September 26, there was a crowd of about a hundred Chinese outside the house, but the inmates were not alarmed, as it appeared that it was quite usual for a small crowd to gather there. Later, however, when the children were playing outside the house, some stones were thrown in, and the children were taken into the house. One of the visitors then suggested that a report should be made to the Police, but Mr. Yamashita thought they were quite safe, and that a report to the Police was unnecessary.

Visitor With a Parcel.

At 6 p.m., the household sat down for the evening meal, and finished at 6.40 p.m. Miss Yoshi and one of the friends went for a stroll in the garden, and one of the Chinese outside came in carrying a bundle wrapped up in a white handkerchief. He demanded to see Mr. Yamashita, who, after interviewing him, turned him out of the house.

Mr. Whyte-Smith said they did not know what the parcel contained, but suggested that it was a token of hostility although they had no evidence that that was so. Nothing happened until 8.30, when shouts were heard from outside the house and stones were thrown in. Windows were broken, and at the same time, the crowd started hammering the front door. The family was shifted to the first floor, which was unoccupied, and later moved to the roof. The father armed himself with a sword and apparently was determined to defend himself and his family. Evidence would tend to show that the father was able to defend the door for about half an hour which would bring the time to 9.30 p.m. This evidence could be given by one of the male visitors, who hid himself under a wooden settee in the sitting room. From his hiding place, this man could see Mr. Yamashita armed with a sword. This man remained in his hiding place until the Police arrived at 10.10 p.m.

The other visitor and Miss Yoshi rushed up to the roof, crossed a bridge which connected to another house, and from there were able to get down to the ground floor. If they dared, these two would have sent word to the Police, but they found an incensed mob outside, and they did not dare venture out. They remained in their hiding place until they were later rescued by the Police.

With regard to the boy of 19, he went up to the roof and hid himself in a tank. He lay down there for about half an hour, at the end of which period a Chinese discovered him, pulled him out and hit his head with a stick. He knew no more, but before he lost consciousness, he could hear the Japanese ayah crying. That would indicate that the other members of the family, and particularly the Japanese ayah, were murdered at about 9.30 p.m.

Police Movements.

Regarding the movements of the Police, Mr. Whyte-Smith reminded his Worship that on the night in question, there was a series of disturbances on the peninsula, which necessitated the Police being rushed from one place to another. At 9 p.m. Sergeant Doig and three Indian constables were sent to Tsang Foo Villas, not because they had heard of any troubles there, but because the Police knew that there were Japanese residents in that place. Sergeant Doig and the three Indians had been out on duty in other places, and were only despatched to Tsang Foo Villas as a precautionary measure. On ar-

rival, they found a hostile mob, armed with sticks, bamboo-poles and stones, outside the house. The front of the house had been broken into, and a number of Chinese were inside destroying the furniture. Cries of "Strike" and "Strike them dead" were heard by the Police officers, who, with difficulty, charged through the mob and gained access to the house, but they could find no sign of any Japanese. It was probable that at this time the Japanese were up on the roof. A lot of noise was being made at the time, gongs and other things being beaten, which would have drowned any noise that the people on the roof might have made.

Reinforcements.

Sergeant Doig could find nothing to enlighten him and he therefore decided to get in touch with the Kowloon Police Station for reinforcements, as four men could not hope to cope with a crowd of 1,000. No telephone could be obtained in the neighbourhood, and the Police started back for the Station at 9.35 p.m., arriving at 9.50 p.m. Sergeant Doig was given 18 men and another European officer, Sergeant Wheeler, and they immediately made back for the house. On the way, they were met by Sergeant Butcher, who, being senior, took charge of the party.

On arrival at Tsang Foo Villas they found the crowd still outside the house. They arrived at 10.10, and found the situation unchanged. The attitude of the mob was still the same. Baton charges were made by the Police, who broke through the crowd, and entered the house. Chinese, armed with sticks and bamboo poles, scuttled out by various exits. The Police forced their way to the roof, and found the Japanese, most of them dead, lying about. Mr. Yamashita was still alive, but died almost immediately afterwards. His wife was alive, but died in hospital. All the ladies were terribly mutilated. The Police found the boy of 10 in the tank; the little boy of six escaped, presumably because he was covered with blood and was taken for dead, whereas in truth, the blood was not his. The ambulance was immediately sent for, and the dead were taken to the mortuary and the wounded to the Kowloon Hospital.

Sword Probably Used.

Regarding the weapons used, Mr. Whyte-Smith said medical evidence would show that sharp instruments were used. No instruments were found, but it was thought that a sword had been used.

While on the roof, Sergeant Butcher saw the crowd re-forming and advancing to the house. He fired one shot but this had no effect, and he fired three more at which the crowd scattered. That showed that the people outside were still hostile and wanted to re-capture the house.

The arrested men were handed over to a picket, and later the military arrived on the scene. Two officers and about 30 men from the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders turned up and the prisoners were handed over to them.

Continuing, Mr. Whyte-Smith said Sergeant Doig left Tsang Foo Villas on the first visit at 9.35 p.m. and with reinforcements, returned at 10.10 p.m. The crowd was then the same in their appearance and attitude. The case for the Crown would be that on the second occasion, the crowd of rioters had not changed into a crowd of sightseers. It was quite clear that if a man joined a riotous mob in such circumstances, even if he did not strike a blow, even if he did not intend to strike a blow, his very presence would encourage others to strike, and to give to others a feeling of immunity from punishment. If the defendants were there with the riotous mob, they were responsible for the murder of the Japanese even if they did not intend to strike a blow and did not strike a blow.

Mr. Whyte-Smith submitted that if the evidence bore out what he had said, then murder by a man who struck the blow was murder also by every man in the riotous mob.

The case was adjourned until this afternoon.

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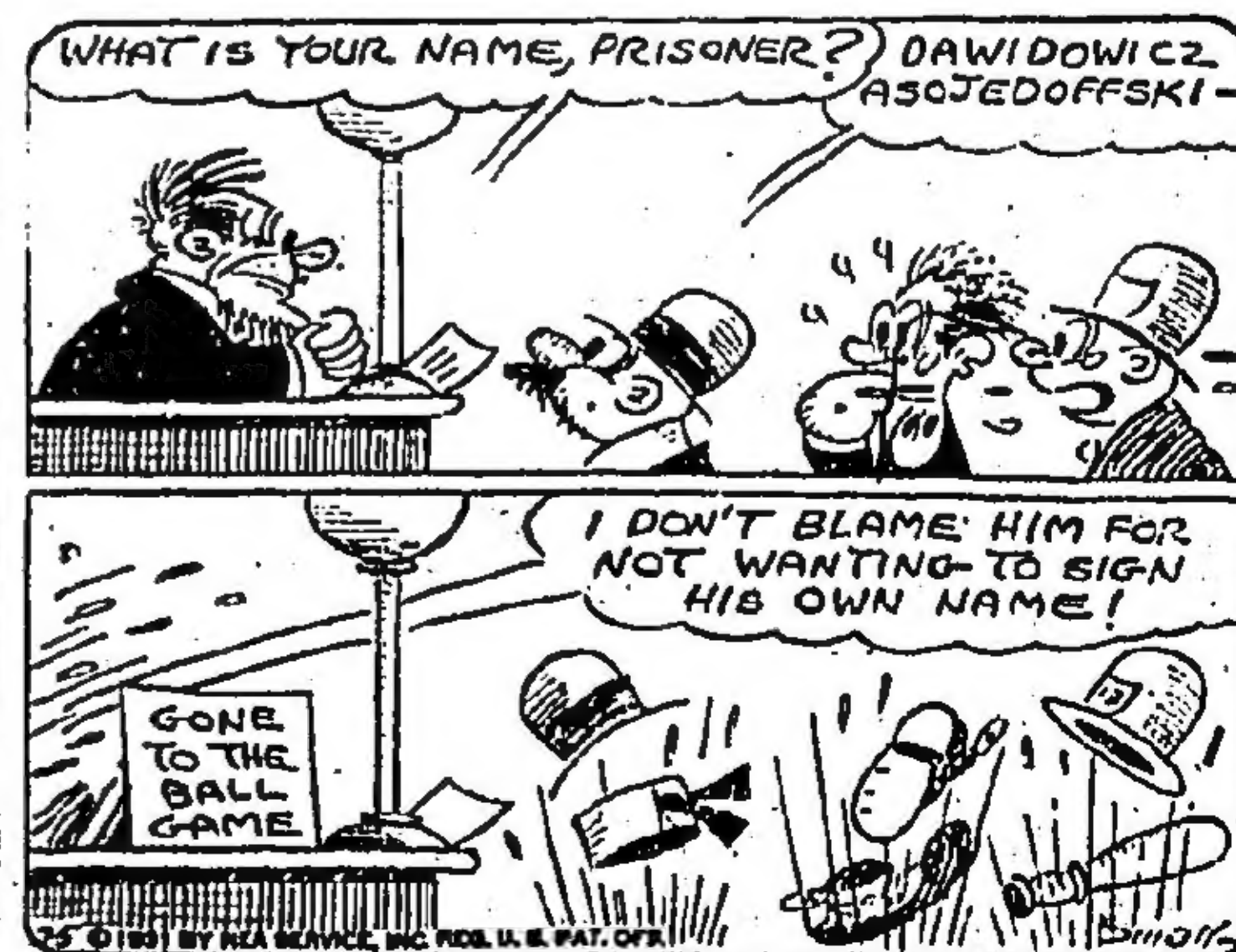
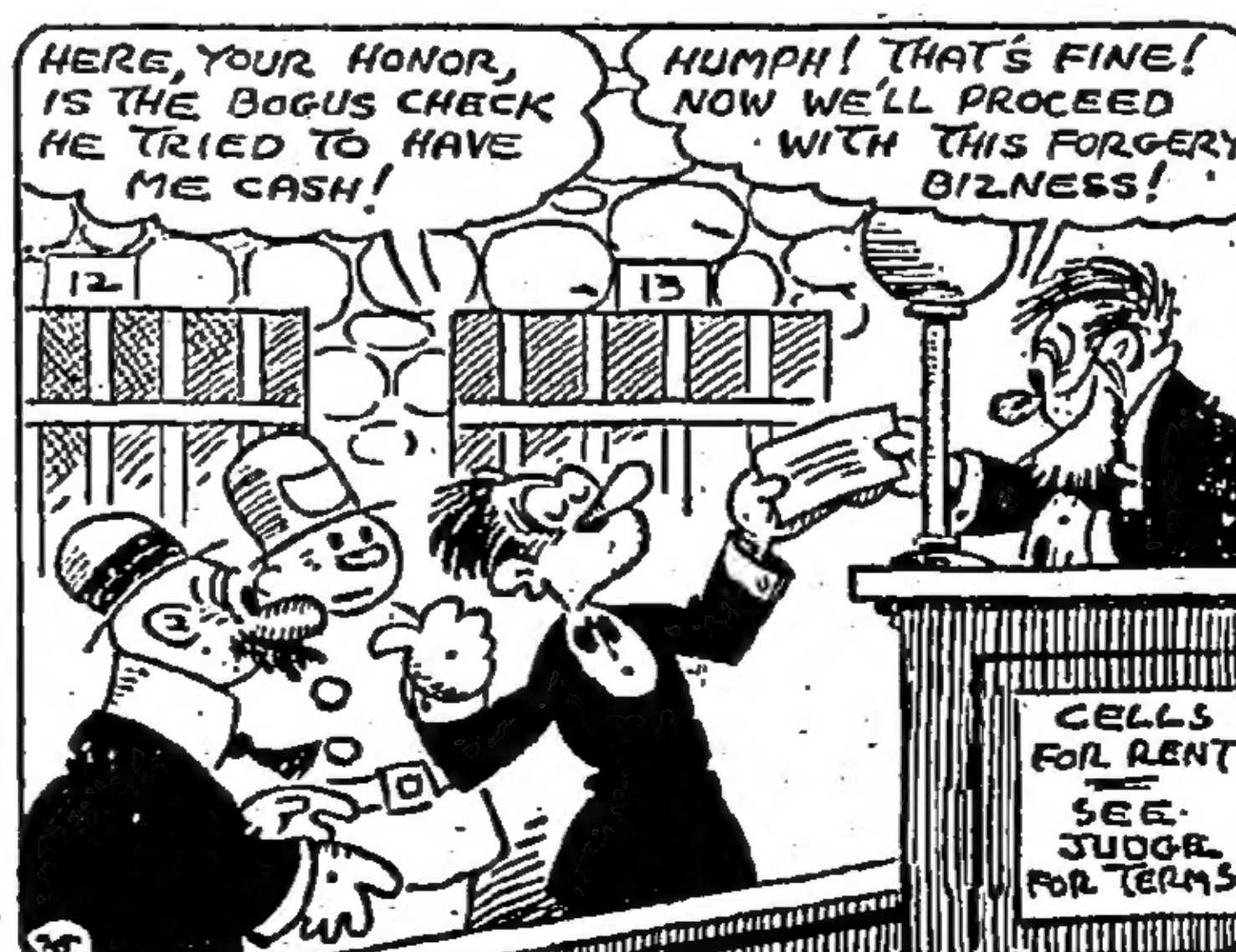
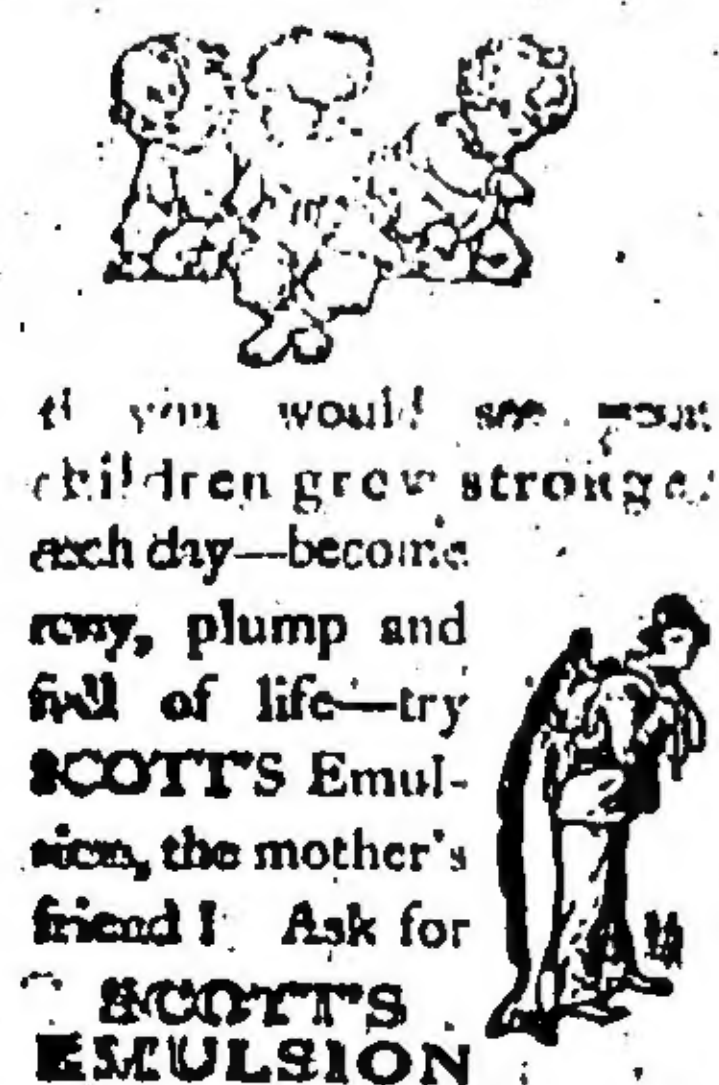
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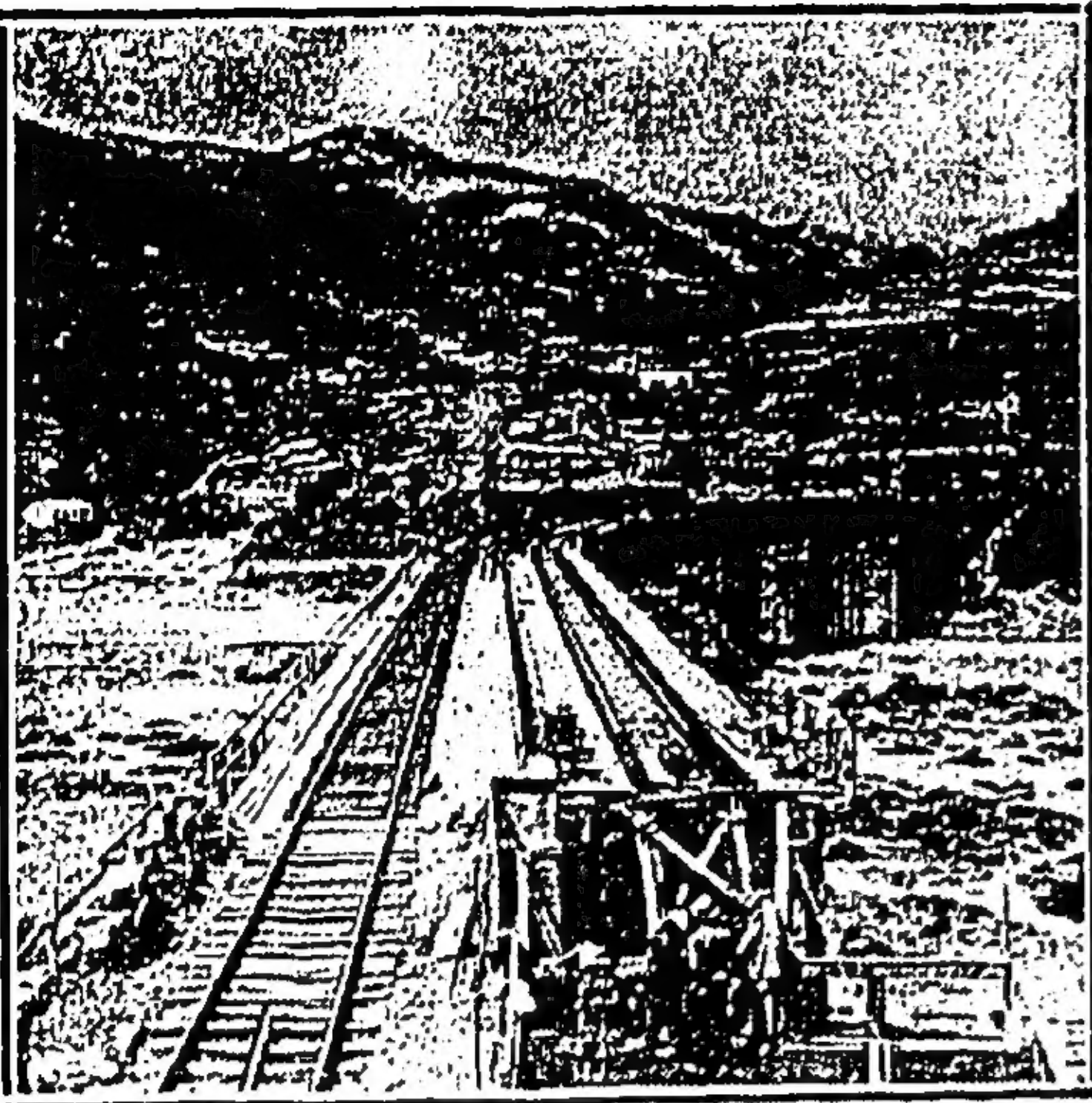
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A train pulled over an old bridge at Borogaro in Italy. Just 23 minutes later another train running over the same line was enabled, as pictured above, to pass over an entirely new bridge. It required only the time between trains to slide a new 1700 ton span into place.

HOME AGAIN.



"My trip abroad has fulfilled my highest expectations" That was the statement of Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson when, as pictured above, he returned from conferences in European capital.

KID BERG FOULED.



Kid Berg, the famous British boxer, shown doubled up on the canvas after an admittedly foul blow by Cannoneri in the recent world title fight. The bout was fought in New York and Berg was forced to fight out Verb sap.

GUILTY LIPS

by LAURA LOU BROOKMAN Author of "MAD MARRIAGE"

MEET HERE TO-DAY.

Norma Kent, pretty 18-year-old secretary in a law office, meets Mark Travers, attractive and wealthy, when together they rescue a frightened puppy from the midst of downtown traffic. Norma refuses to tell the young man her name or where he can see her again. Later she joins Bob Farrell, young lawyer, for a dinner engagement. Farrell asks her to marry him and Norma says "no."

The scene of the story is Marlboro, middle-western metropolis. Norma takes the puppy to the shabby apartment she shares with Christine Sanders, generally called "Chris," and finds her roommate in tears. Norma fears Chris is falling in love with her married employer, Bradley Hart, proprietor of an advertising agency. The older girl refuses to tell what is troubling her. Next day Norma inserts an advertisement about the puppy in the lost and found column of the Marlboro Press. The first person to call in response to the advertisement is Mark Travers, who explains he has made every effort to learn her identity. He tries to make a date but Norma declines his invitation. Travers departs and later makes a telephone call.

CHAPTER V

Natalie Price reached a glittering, jewel-encrusted wrist toward the French telephone. In the low, drizzling tone the smartest debutantes were affecting she said slowly, "This is Nat."

There was a pause. Then the girl's face flashed into radiance. "Oh, Mark, darling," she exclaimed, "I'm so glad! Yes, I waited on the chance you might call. Tried to get you at the house but they said you'd gone. Oh, you will? Angel, aren't you sweet?" Natalie's laugh was throaty, intoxicating. "Well, then, hurry. Natalie craves her of Mark-Mark! Dye, darling."

She put down the instrument, turned and called sharply to the maid across the room. "Get the white dress, Marcelle! I'll wear it after all. Hurry!"

At once there was excitement in the modernistic maue and silver boudoir. Wherever Natalie Price was there was likely to be excitement. Only Marcelle, the French maid, knew what tempests could arise over a last-minute change of her mistress' costume. Natalie stormed, Marcelle caioled. Arguments went hurrying through the air and Natalie's voice became shriller, louder.

Tonight the bustle and stir were in vain. It was nearly 10 p.m. when Natalie, resplendent in white cloak and white satin, came tripping down the circular stairway to meet the young man below. He had just arrived, still wore his muffer and top coat.

Natalie's narrow, flame-red lips bowed in a smile. The girl's beauty was that of coloring rather than features. Her hair was a dark, cloudy mass, curling back from a pale forehead. Natalie's eyes were grey and rather narrow. They were almost concealed by heavily applied mascara on the lashes. Her cheeks were unrouged and of ivory whiteness. Natalie's slim figure was the fashion writer's ideal.

She ran down the half dozen stairs, stopped suddenly beside the velvet post and pouted fecthively. "What makes you be so mean, Mark?" she wheedled. "You said you'd be on time."

Mark Travers, handsome in his dinner clothes, smiled. "Sorry," he said, "something held me up. Well, shall we go?"

Natalie came nearer, regarding him from beneath the jetty lashes. "It's a poor excuse," she said, "but I forgive you. Well—aren't you going to kiss me? It's all right. Mother and Dad are out." Travers' arms went around the girl. He looked down at her, amused, but he did not kiss her. "You're a baggage, you are, Nat!" he told her. "Leave a man in peace five minutes, can't you?"

Coolly she regarded him, took the cigarette from his fingers and placed it to her lips. Natalie blew a graceful spiral of smoke, tossed her head backward, bringing the scarlet lips audaciously nearer.

Since he did not respond she drew away impatiently.

"Well," she said crossly, "it's certainly far from entertaining here! Let's go to Monty's. Maybe the crowd will help thaw you out. And if you're not going to admire me at all I'll have to pick up somebody who will."

Travers grinned. "Oh, I admire you all right, Nat. You know that. Tomorrow I'll write you a sonnet to prove it."

"Thanks," the girl said languidly. "Save the sonnet for your next out mate. This one wants to dance."

Moving ahead she led the way to the outer door. They went through it and down the steps where the roadster waited at the curb. Mark took the wheel and with a rush they shot into the night.

The party at Monty's was well under way when they arrived. A half dozen men and women, all of them youthful-looking, all wearing evening clothes, were engaged in a noisy game at one end of the huge apartment living room. It was a game in which players shrieked questions at one member of the group who apparently knew the answers. Frequently laughter drowned out the questions. From a radio in the next room came strains of a tango. A slim blonde youth and a girl swirling emerald chiffon danced at the opposite end of the room.

The arrival of Mark and Natalie was greeted with cheers. The couple, who had been dancing stopped. The blonde youth rushed forward and caught Natalie's hands. "Here you!" he cried, "rescue me from this designing female, will you, Nat? Five minutes more and she'll have my watch and chain!" He returned toward the girl in green. "Oh! Mark will play with you, Geraldine. May he prove a better man than I am, Gunga Din!"

The blonde youth caught Natalie's arm and drew her toward the windows leading outside. Travers stopped them.

"Wait a minute," he said. "Where's Monty?"

The girl called Geraldine answered. "Oh, she toddled off to some vague theatre or something. Left a note saying she'll be back. We're having the party without her."

"But she's the hostess!"

"Well—who wants a hostess. Come on! I know where Monty keeps all the requisites. You can squeeze lemons!"

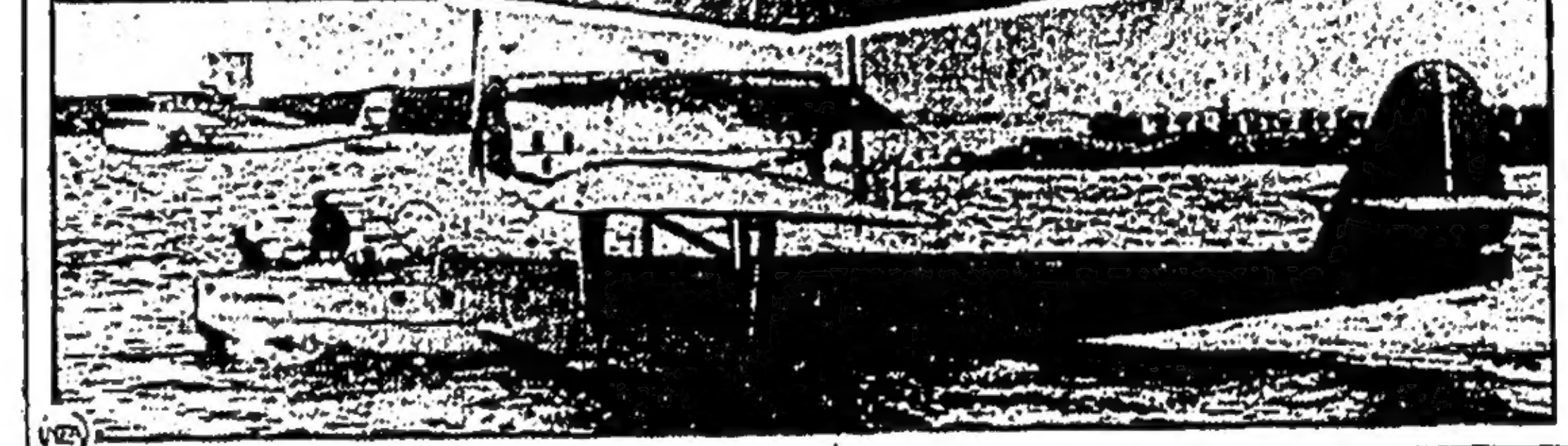
Another man joined them, interrupting. "Hello, Travers," he said. "Mind if an old fellow like me cuts in? Geraldine promised half an hour ago to give me the next dance."

"That's all right. How're you, Hart? Playing much golf?"

"Made 84 yesterday," Bradley Hart announced smiling. He was older than the others, handsome and rather distinguished looking. His face was sun-bronzed and he was well-built with a tendency toward the muscular. "Party like this in no place for me," Hart told them. "Makes me feel like a grandfather. Maybe we'd better not try that tango."

"Don't be like that!" the girl in green reproached. "Of course we'll try it. Only right now Geraldine's thirsty. Come on, darlings." She threw an arm around each of them. "Come on and we'll fix some of that nice pink stuff. Brad, you can get the ice—" She led the way toward the rear of the apartment.

It was one of those evenings which grow gay. Natalie Price laughed and flirted and danced. Brad Hart devoted himself openly to the young woman in green. At some time before midnight Inez Montgomery, the hostess, arrived.



Capt. Wolfgang Von Gronau, the German trans Atlantic flyer, at North Beach, N.Y., after a hop from Chicago. The hero of the Germany to Chicago flight is shown above as he was greeted by Adam Bayer, representative of the Long Island German Society. Below is the Von Gronau plane at rest on the waters of North Beach Airport, with another German air visitor—the huge sky liner DO X—anchored in the background.

Among Marlboro's socially elect there was a group who held that Inez standing had become somewhat blemished following her third divorce in less than three years but Inez was undoubtedly a leader among the younger set.

Young America of the stratum which regards its native land as "provincial," looks on business as a dull mystery in which grandfather amassed the fortune which has been increasing ever since, and considers polo or yatching the truly worthwhile things in a man's life—these were the young people who flocked to Inez Montgomery's parties. Rowdy. Unmanly. The cream of a social structure built on wealth.

Mark Travers looked down to find Natalie tugging at his arm. "Let's go somewhere else," she said. "This place is getting fantastic."

Travers put down his cocktail glass.

"Right," he agreed. They went off in search of wraps.

Brad Hart and the girl in green accompanied them. Only the all-night supper clubs were open in Marlboro at such an hour. They went to one, stayed through a number by a raucous orchestra and proceeded to another which Hart recommended. Mark and Natalie danced. There were drinks served. Mark and Natalie danced again. At an hour when Natalie Price's great grandfather customarily rose to start his day's work the girl and her escort reached the handsome Price residence.

They stood together before the entrance. Natalie put a hand on Mark Travers' arm. "What's the matter, Mark," she asked petulantly. "You've been a crepe-hanger all night. Why can't you snap out of it?"

He looked tired and a little sleepy. "Sorry," he said. "Didn't know there was anything to snap out of."

"Well there is. You've been a bear!"

Could it be another girl, Natalie wondered, vaguely. She must find out about that. Well, they could not stand there longer. She looked up at him smiling. "Maybe it's sleep you need," she said. "Run or you'll not the milk man!"

Throwing both arms about the youth's neck she drew his head down, met his lips with hers. Presently she went inside the house. Travers sauntered down the steps



Paul Whiteman, high potentate of syncope, and Miss Margaret Livingston, slim, red haired screen beauty, exchanging their "I do's" at home of the bride's parents in Denver. It was Whiteman's fourth marriage.

to the roadster.

He was after all a youth 23 years old who had never learned anything except how to play and play expensively. He was good looking. He had never wanted anything—very badly—in his life that had not been his. The handsome mahogany desk at which young Travers occasionally sat in his father's elegantly equipped office was a newer plaything than his other toys. He found it less interesting. Nat Price and her crowd were the boys and girls with whom he had grown up. But it was not of Nat Price he was thinking as he strode down those steps and climbed into the bulky roadster. It was of a girl with wide blue eyes and soft, shimmering hair like a golden halo. A girl in a blue dress, holding a waggish puppy in her arms.

The rush of cool air on his face as the car moved forward was stimulating. Travers leaned back, enjoying it. Suddenly he sat up with a jerk. He had made a decision.

Norma Kent emerged from the revolving door of the department store, her arms loaded with bundles. Other shoppers surged around her. The semi-annual first floor sale at Lewisohn's was an eventful occasion for hundreds struggling with the problem of expanding expenses and limited incomes. Somehow Norma's hat had been pushed away in the rush. She straightened it, drew a deep breath and started toward the car stop. It was nearly 5:30. Chris had gone on ahead. Probably she was home now.

Norma boarded her car. There were no seats and for a dozen blocks she rode clinging to a strap, her bundles balancing precariously. Then someone left the car and the girl slipped into the vacated seat. She realized that she was tired.

At last they reached Franklin street. Norma got off the car, walked slowly toward the apartment and up the two long flights of stairs. She inserted her key in the lock.

"Oh, Chris!" she called as the door swung open. "Chris!"

There was no answer. Norma looked about in surprise. Then she saw the note on the table. It was in Chris Saunders' writing, a hasty scrawl.

Norma picked up the sheet of paper. She read the first words, uttered a choking cry of dismay.

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CHINA'S PROBLEMS.

Political parties in China seem, like the rest of the world, to be busy trying to find non-committal formulas which will enable them to swallow their frequently-expressed opinions and work in some semblance of harmony. Nothing so vital as the issue between tariffs and free trade divides them, yet the negotiations for peace between Canton and Nanking still remain to be satisfactorily concluded. So far as the outside world can judge, there has so far been little change of attitude on either side. The problem is still, on one side, the conviction of Chiang Kai-shek and his Government that his ability and personal prestige are essential to China in the present juncture. There is, on the other side, the conviction of the Kuomintang that it must rule the country on party lines and that those members who have been placed, if not in prison, at least in situations in which their liberty of speech and motion is curtailed, must be definitely set free. Some slight progress has admittedly been made now that Hu Han-min and Li Chai-sum have been accorded some measure of personal liberty.

The peace negotiations are about to begin, and much will hang on the developments which ensue therefrom. One bright aspect of the matter is that hostilities, which threatened to break out in earnest, and which indeed at Wenchow had already done so, have been ended. To this extent the nation is saved the folly of civil war when it is faced with so serious a menace as the encroachments of Japan constitute. The recent appointment of General Chan Ming-shu to the Shanghai garrison was taken to indicate that that district would be rendered innocuous to members of the Canton Government, though since General Chan has consistently declined to join hands with that Government, it is difficult to estimate its significance. Presumably some compromise must be reached, though there would appear to be little hope of any scheme which involves the retirement of General Chiang Kai-shek, and equally little hope of a Government which contains both him and Mr. Wu Han-min. It is certain, however, that the Nanking Government has lost too greatly in prestige by the setting up of

the Canton Government, and by other incidents, to continue without some change. The outrageous attack on the Foreign Minister and Dr. Wang's subsequent resignation are blows rendered more severe by the pusillanimity of the Government in face of them. The fact that it has bowed very largely to the clamour of the students, and that not one arrest has apparently been made, indicate its knowledge of its own weakness.

Can the Nanking Government survive these blows? The answer may be that the real force of the nation is still under its control, and, much as the people may be chagrined at present events, the Government may struggle on until such pressure is brought to bear on Japan by the public opinion of the world that some compromise may be patched up by which Japan will magnanimously consent to give up a fraction of the whole which she has gained, and the Chinese Government leave her with the rest. That is a possibility, even if not seeming likely at the moment. Meanwhile, the very real constitutional issue which came to a head with the arrest of Hu Han-min remains in abeyance. That issue, in the form in which it presents itself in current Chinese politics, is whether the Executive is to be subject to the control of the Party. In its more general aspect, it is the question of how the Executive is to be subjected to popular control, and how, when it has lost the confidence of the people, a change of government is to be effected.

Gambling in Majorities.

The uncertainties of the general election—even party managers are afraid to make clear assertions as to the outcome—has been responsible for lively activity in a dangerous but alluring form of Stock Exchange gambling known as "Majorities." By this is meant, in effect, betting on the number of seats the gambler anticipates the National Government or the Opposition will win. For instance, the National Government's "quotation" stood early last week at 378, giving them a majority of roughly 140. On Saturday, the figure jumped to 396, suggesting them a prospect of a 178 majority. The buyer of seats at that figure expects that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's supporters will win 396 seats and hopes they will win more. If he holds on until the result is known and the National Government win 400 seats he will be four points up. If, on the contrary, they win only 300, he will be 96 points down. "Seats" can be purchased in any amount, i.e. the buyer can purchase 400 seats at one shilling each, ten shillings each, one pound each, or any larger denominational price he likes to pay. Prevailing quotations are posted each day and the buyer can sell at any time before election day at the prevailing price, pocketing a profit or paying out a loss. It is interesting to note that this form of gambling was used by some business men at the 1929 election as a sort of "hedge" against possible loss of income through higher taxation in the event of Labour gaining the day as they did. The pre-election "quotation" for Labour was 200 and those who bought for "hedging" purposes made 87 points, those betting in large amounts enjoying a good harvest. The present Labour "quotation" is about 200, which is also rather tempting.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pen-treath and Co.

London Terminals.

March 1932 6/8½ down 1d.
May 1932 6/10½ down ½d.
August 1932 7/- down ½d.
December 1931 6/6½ down ½d.

New York Terminals.

March 1932 1.32 down 4 pts.
May 1932 1.36 down 2 pts.
July 1932 1.40 down 3 pts.
September 1932 1.44 down 3 pts.
December 1931 1.33 down 2 pts.

DAY BY DAY

WHEN A PROUD MAN FORBIDS YOU
HIS PRESENCE HE AWKWARDLY CON-
FERS A FAVOUR UPON YOU.—
Zimmerman.

The forthcoming wedding is announced by Mr. Bernabe Antonio D'A Almeida, No. 322, Ma Tau Wei Road, Kowloon, to Miss Celestina Alberta Souza, No. 5, Granville Road, Kowloon.

Amongst the passengers who arrived here by the s.s. President McKinley were Mr. J. P. Bourne, Mr. C.S. Gubbay, Mr. and Mrs. S. Wenz, Miss E. Lo, Miss G. Lo, and Mr. H. Lo.

The silk forwarded from Hong-kong by the Empress of A la on the 25th September arrived in New York (St. John's Park) and Hoboken on the 16th October, having been 21 days in transit.

The Hon. Manuel Quenzon, President of the Philippine Senate, arrived here by the s.s. President McKinley yesterday. He is bound for Manila, after a visit to Washington, and is accompanied by his wife and family.

Mr. F. C. Glenn has reported to the police that, whilst driving his motor car No. 1580 along Chatham Road at 6 p.m. yesterday, he knocked down a boy, Ma Yau-ching aged 15, who was removed to the Kowloon Hospital, suffering from minor injuries.

Whilst waiting for a bus in Nathan Road, at its junction with Dundas Street, at 5.10 p.m. yesterday, Mrs. E. H. Osmund, of 561, Nathan Road, had her handbag snatched by a Chinese who made good his escape before the alarm could be raised. The bag contained money and other personal effects to the value of \$28.

A Chinese driver was fined \$50 for dangerous driving by Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning. Sergeant Brittain said he had to stop dead while driving a motorcycle, to avoid a collision which would have been the result of the driver's dangerous driving. The driver, who was driving a motorcycle, was fined \$50 for dangerous driving.

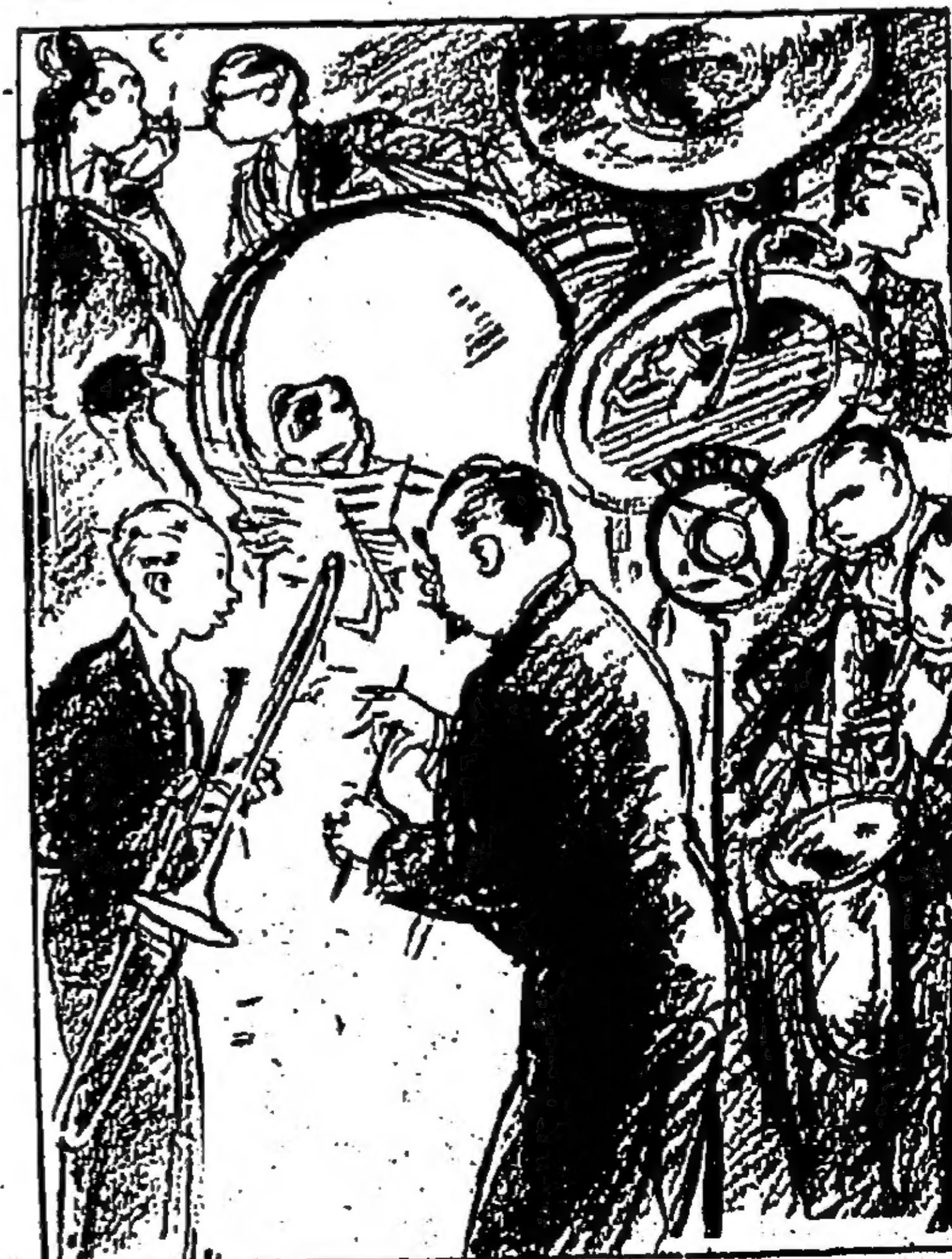
Hongkong estate to the value of \$3,100 was left by the late Mr. Ezekiel Salmon, late of No. 117, Severn Road, Shanghai, who died intestate at Shanghai on March 23, 1931. Letters of administration have been granted to Mr. Lawrence Kndoorie, of Shanghai, temporarily residing at the Peninsula Hotel, who is attorney for Mr. Jacob Ezra, of No. 259, Kiangse Road, Shanghai, deceased's brother and sole next-of-kin.

CHINA EXHIBITION.

SPECIAL TERMS FOR SCHOOL GROUPS.

We have been requested by the committee of the forthcoming China Exhibition to announce that they are prepared to make special arrangements for parties of school children to visit the Exhibition on any one of the three days (November 5th, 6th, and 7th.) between 3 and 5 p.m. at a charge of 20 cents per head.

Bookings have already been made for over 800 school children. The number which can be admitted at this special rate of 20 cents is strictly limited and head-masters and others who are interested in the Exhibition are asked to get into touch with the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. P. B. Barker, of Gibb, Livingston & Co. (Phone 28031), as soon as possible.



"Boss, may I sit down close to the mike this evening? My girl promised to tune in on our programme."

NORMAN R. COLLINS discusses the

Order of the Bath.

We Are All Children in the Bathroom.

The bathroom remains the nursery of the house so long as there are people to bathe there. The taps are twin toys; and the sponges, loofahs, soap-racks, brushes and bath-nits are the essentials of a ceremony that is the best available substitute for lost childhood.

People who do not even hum in daily life sing lustily like children when sitting naked in their bath. Even the rubber sponges are sold in shapes and contours that might have been designed to delight and comfort orphan babies; and there is a soap specially made to float and so amuse adult-infants.

The real trouble with bathing is that as a child one is not allowed to play, and in later life there is never time to indulge oneself sufficiently. I have always regarded the size of the Roman baths with some suspicion. It looks as though the Romans were far more interested in simply splashing about—the sort of thing that children are not allowed to do—than in the serious soap-and-scrub business of the real bathroom.

Perhaps it was the secret of their success. Perhaps what Mexico needs is not a policeman with a cane of soap, but a town councillor with a sense of fun. If a Mexican policeman tried to spray me, I am sure that I should dislike it intensely.

And probably the unwashables of Mexico feel very much the same.

PHIPPS favours

I. SOSCELES AS FILM STAR.

I STARED at the invitation— "Exhibition of Mechanical Aids to Learning." So somebody had at last invented a self-acting camera?

I found the Mechanised Seat of Learning in the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, S.W. But no cane.

The aim of our advanced Educationalists, as epitomised in this exhibition, is to give the 3 Rs box-office appeal. And not a bad aim either.

The means to this end are the familiar ones of talking-film, wire-frames, and gramophones.

Little Tommy Jones, it is argued, may not like geometry. But show him a mighty, gripping drama, such as "The Eternal Triangle" (featuring I. Sosceles and Lily Potemusa) and he'll lap up his Euclid and like it.

Little Bessie Bloggs (say the Educationalists) may be the brains of the most dangerous toffee-running gang in Upper School. But those brains may be won over to sound learning by judicious application of the "Blue Danube" (Rivers of Europe series).

Pea-Shooting Outrivalled.

It's all a question of atmosphere. Last February the Educationalists conducted the Middlesex Experiment—a test of sound-films as against blackboard methods—over a wide range of schools.

The official report on that experiment is not yet complete, but, judging by the queues which lined up for stalls in the experimental class-rooms and the noticeable absence of pea-shooting during the performance of the Big Feature, it is expected to be extremely favourable.

The exhibition at South Kensington is the second of its kind over to be held in England. It is interesting because it displays equipment designed for a purpose hitherto considered as feasible as jumping over the moon—that is, holding the attention of school-boys and schoolgirls.

Here are sound film projectors, gramophones, lanterns, and even television apparatus. During the coming week demonstrations of their application will be given, the subjects ranging from "Potatoes" to "Boadicea."

I am now confidently awaiting an announcement that all L.C.C. classrooms are to be fitted with Wuritzer organs and programme girls.

SILVER FUTURES.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Pentreath and Co. have been advised by cable of the following quotations for New York silver futures as at the close of the market yesterday:

December 1931 80.00 up 15.
May 1932 82.00 down 20.
July 1932 82.50 no change.

ACCUSED CHANGES HIS PLEA.

UNUSUAL SESSIONS INCIDENT.

COUNTERFEIT COINS

An unusual incident occurred at the Criminal Sessions this morning before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) when an accused man pleaded not guilty in effect but changed his plea to guilty after consultation with his counsel, Mr. Leo D'Almada, junior Counsel, however, later explained the position and his Lordship said he thought accused had acted wisely.

Accused was Chua Hon-ping, who appeared for trial on three counts. The first was that, on September 10, 1931, at Yau-mat, without lawful authority or excuse, he knowingly had in his custody or possession six moulds in pairs, adapted and intended to make or impress the apparent resemblance of both sides of English shillings. The second count was similar except that it related to ten cent pieces, while the third count charged him with possession of coins resembling or intended to resemble or pass for English shillings, knowing them to be counterfeit and with intent to utter them.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy was for the Crown, and Mr. Leo D'Almada, instructed by Mr. M. A. Silva, pleaded for accused in mitigation of sentence.

In reply to the first count, accused said: These things were found with me, but they are not my property.

Plea of Guilty.

Mr. D'Almada said he was instructed that accused would plead guilty and he (counsel) would address the Court in mitigation.

His Lordship: Would you like to consult the accused?

Mr. D'Almada then had a brief discussion with accused, after which he pleaded guilty to all three counts.

In reply to his Lordship, Mr. Fitzroy stated that the articles were not found locked up in the same box or basket, but were found in different places in the cubicle. Counsel added that he did not wish to say anything in the matter except to announce that the police knew of nothing against accused.

Money Loan Involved.

Mr. D'Almada said it might seem rather an extraordinary procedure for counsel to suggest the alteration of a plea of not guilty to guilty, but if his Lordship would refer to the statement accused made when charged, it would explain the position.

In answer to charge "A", he had said the tools were his property but were taken from his place by Wong Hoi and Yeung to have a look at. They told him they were able to make such things, and asked him to lend them some money. They left the tools there that night and informed the police the next morning in order to have him arrested because he would not lend them money.

Continuing, counsel said the fact that accused had, in effect, pleaded not guilty in his reply to the first count, would stand very much in his stand in that he, himself, although technically guilty of the offence, was innocent so far as an attempt to do anything with the particular goods in question, was concerned.

Mr. D'Almada went on to say that accused was a shoemaker and had been resident in the Colony for a number of years, carrying on that trade.

Given to Wife.

When the goods were brought to his house he was not at home and they were received by his wife. They were brought by Wong and Yeung who left them with instructions that they were for accused. The wife opened the parcel and placed the contents in two different places, on a window sill and on a dressing table.

The fact that accused was out of the house at that time, could be corroborated if necessary and, if required, witnesses who would give that evidence, would be tendered for cross-examination.

Accused returned home shortly after nine o'clock when his wife showed him the articles. Subsequently he went out and met Wong and Yeung who asked him for a loan of \$100. It appeared that accused refused to advance the loan because he had previously advanced money to them, and he made up his mind to retain the articles and hold them against repayment of the loans.

Victim of Circumstances.

When the police arrived, accused, after being cautioned, immediately said the goods were not his but belonged to his friends, and went so far as to try and find them. That was corroborated by a Chinese detective.

Counsel continued that his Lordship would see that defendant had been the victim of unfortunate circumstances and, although

DISASTROUS LEEDS FIRE.



Photo shows firemen playing hoses upon buildings destroyed in a recent disastrous fire at Leeds, when damage to the extent of £250,000 was caused. The street, as can be seen, was amazingly littered with debris.

APPEAL FOR HARBOUR GRACE.

AIRPORT USED ONLY BY ATLANTIC FLYERS.

The most remarkable airport in the world has just issued an appeal for funds to the aeronautical community.

It is the Harbour Grace Airport, Newfoundland, which was built and is maintained solely for the benefit of Transatlantic flyers.

Those who contribute to its upkeep are offered no dividends, no shares are issued, and the members of the Airport Association give their services free.

The airport was started by Messrs. Brock and Schlee with a cheque for £100. Contributions from Transatlantic flyers and others followed, and it is desired to build a hangar and to establish a wireless station, beacon, and ground lighting.

The organisation is a sort of trust for the aeronautical community at large.

The airport, the appeal states, "is the property of the aviation world and all those pioneers who are willing to contribute toward this conquest of the Atlantic."

SCENE IN DOWNING STREET.

THE MAN FROM SOMERSET.

Waring Finch, aged 58, independent of Minchew, Somerset, who was arrested in evening dress outside the Prime Minister's residence, was charged at Bow-street recently with being drunk and disorderly.

Police Constable Rayment said that Finch drove up to No. 10 Downing-street and handed a card to an attendant, who took it inside and shut the door. Finch knocked twice very loudly at the door and said that he intended to stay there until he had seen the Prime Minister or his secretary. He refused to go away.

"We are getting rather queasy and rather angry," he told the Magistrate, "and I thought that if the Government had any tact and discretion they would give us back some of the pre-war privileges and remove some of the war-time restrictions. I did not expect the Prime Minister to see me, but I wanted to see his secretary, to ask him about giving us back penny postage, penny cheques, and the old licensing laws."

Finch was bound over on promising to return to Minchew by the next train.

technically guilty of the offence of possession, he was deserving of a light sentence such as could be meted out in such a case, in which the maximum sentence was life imprisonment.

The police had nothing against him, he had been the victim of unfortunate circumstances, and his story was consistent and had not varied, so that it could not be said to have been concocted.

Three Years' Sentence.

His Lordship said:—I think you have acted wisely in this case in pleading guilty. The offence charged on the first two counts is a very serious one, rendering you liable to imprisonment for life. I have listened carefully to what has been ably urged on your behalf by your counsel, and I think I am bound to assume a less serious case against you than I might have had to do if the evidence had been gone into.

His Lordship sentenced accused to undergo three years' hard labour on each of the first two counts, and one year's hard labour on the third count, the sentences to run concurrently.

An application by Mr. D'Almada that the sentences should date from the date of accused's arrest was not granted.

"DOLE" CUTS.

ATTITUDE OF THE OPPOSITION.

Mr. Pethick-Lawrence (Financial Secretary to the Treasury in the Socialist Government) during the Commons debate on the *dole* was asked whether the Government could deny that the increase in the rates of unemployment insurance contributions by workpeople and employers would reduce purchasing-power, hamper our manufacturers, and increase unemployment.

Quoting the Prime Minister's appeal for "wise and courageous expenditure," he said it was incomprehensible that a Government that was cutting down wages and salaries was advising people to spend, if possible, more than before. (Opposition laughter.)

"Things are coming," he added, "to a pretty pass if it is held that to induce foreigners to lend us money we must do anything they suggest, however silly. This is panic legislation, brought in at a moment when, owing to the existence of a crisis, the Government do not appear capable of thinking intelligently." (Opposition cheers.)

Lieutenant-Colonel Fremantle (C. St. Albans) remarked that the Government had accepted the cut of their remuneration they did not realise that there would also be the increase in income tax. The petrol tax increase was also a very serious matter to doctors.

Miss Rathbone (Ind. English Universities), while in favour of increased contributions in respect of unemployment insurance, considered the cutting down of benefits to adults as a thoroughly bad form of economy.

Mr. Batey (Soc. Spennymoor) suggested reduction of expenditure on the machinery of unemployment insurance.

Mr. Strachey (Ind. Aston) asserted that the cut in unemployment benefit would have a catastrophic effect on the standard of life of the workers and would increase unemployment.

Mr. Bevan (Soc. Ebbw Vale) declared: "If you think we are going to confine ourselves to a sterile Parliamentary Opposition, when you are making use of the most ruthless class policy this House has ever carried out, you must really think all the guile have gone out of Englishmen." (Opposition cheers.)

Mr. Lawson (Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour in the Socialist Government) contended that, under cover of a crisis, something permanent was being done. There was now a deliberate attempt to do something which those concerned had wanted for long years past. The Government was not merely meeting a crisis, but was carrying out effectively the will of the Conservative Party and the employers. (Opposition cheers.) The cut in unemployment benefit would intensify the very evil it was meant to cure.

Sir Henry Betterton (Minister of Labour) stated that, on the present rate of benefits and contributions, it was estimated that, if the steps proposed in the Economy Bill were not taken, the deficiency of the Fund in March next would be £107,000,000; and in March 1933, it would be £190,000,000.

Mr. Lawson asked the Minister when the period of 26 weeks would begin to operate.

Sir H. Betterton:—"The 26 weeks' period begins to operate at the beginning of the current benefit year."

It begins in each case according to the time at which the application for benefit is made. (Socialist Members: "Retrospective!")

The debate was closed. The resolution was carried by 249 to 155 and reported to the House.

ARMED ROBBERS IN THE DOCK.

ALLEGED ASSAULT ON WOMEN.

ALARMING EPISODE.

The terrorising of a woman by robbers was described at the Criminal Sessions this morning when Cheung Leung and sun Po were charged with assaulting Ko Ho with intent to rob, on September 13.

The case was heard by the Chief Justice, (Sir Joseph Kemp), Mr. Somerset Fitzroy prosecuting and Mr. Hin Shing-lo appearing for the first defendant.

The following jury, with Mr. F. Austin as foreman, was empanelled: Messrs. T. G. Patterson, F. A. Xavier, F. Edwards, W. H. B. Muskett, S. J. Horton and E. V. da Souza.

Both men pleaded not guilty, and Mr. Fitzroy, outlining the case, said the incident occurred at No. 12 Catchick Street. Defendant, with another man who escaped, entered the house and asked for Ko Lum, the husband of Ko Ho. The man was out and they told the woman to keep quiet. Two pointed scissor blades at her, another grasped her by the shoulder.

The woman called out for help, and the men ran away, one being caught on the Praya, and the other in Queen's Road West.

Ko Ho said she was asleep on the night of September 13, when she was awakened by someone calling for her husband. She woke up to find a man sitting on another bed, in the cubicle, a second man at the door, and another standing at the foot of her bed. She asked them what they wanted with her husband, and they said he was required to go on a steamer. She described the assault.

The case is proceeding.

WOMAN CONTROLS TRAFFIC.

RED REFLECTORS IN HAT AND BELT.

Brighton, Sept. 20.

A woman has taken on herself the duty of controlling traffic at one of the most dangerous road-crossings in the Brighton district. She is Mrs. M. J. S. Brown, a widow who lives in Denmark-road, Portslade.

Mrs. Brown stands at the junction of Boundary-road and Old Shoreham-road, which is used by many motorists travelling between Brighton and Worthing.

When on traffic control between 8 p.m. and midnight she wears an unusual costume. It consists of a white coat with three reflectors on a belt, a white hat with a red reflector at the back, white gloves (also equipped with reflectors) and sand-coloured Russian boots.

Fears for Buses.

"I have written to the Minister of Transport regarding the great danger of this crossing," Mrs. Brown said. "I intend to control the traffic at night until a point duty man or some signalling device is placed there."

"My chief fear is for the passengers in the buses which come from Boundary-road into the stream of fast traffic. Bus drivers, motorists, and residents of the district have congratulated me on what I am doing."

Mrs. Brown has not been on duty during week-ends. She stated that owing to the manner in which cars are driven at week-ends the police had persuaded her—for her own safety—not to go to the crossing. But she will be on duty again tomorrow night.

CURATE WINS TENNIS CHALLENGE.

OPPOSING PLAYER'S CLUB ATTEND CHURCH.

London, Sept. 21. Lawn tennis players from the adjoining parish of St. Andrew attended the service at St. Thomas's Mission Church, Southgate, London, N., last night, to hear the Rev. F. M. Eagles, the curate, preach, after he had beaten one of their members, Mr. A. Matthews, in a match on Saturday.

The St. Andrew's Club accepted a challenge by Mr. Eagles to any member of any club in the district, the condition being that if he won all the members of the defeated player's club would attend his church on the following Sunday.

"I did not do this as a stunt," Mr. Eagles said after the match. "I thought it would be a good way of inducing lawn tennis players to come to church. The challenge remains open."

"A year ago I asked the members of the various sporting clubs in the district to attend a sportsman's service, but my offer was not a success," he said. "Then I hit upon this idea."

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TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME OF RECORDED MUSIC.

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5.44-5.53 p.m. Variety. Vocal Trio-There's No One Like Mother to Me.

Vocal Trio-Wild Irish Rose. The Victor Sisters. 20180. Organ Solo-Song of the Wanderer. Organ Solo-What Does It Matter? Jesse Crawford. 20500. Humorous Song-Get Away Old Man. Get Away. Frank Grumit. 20137. Humorous Song-Pretty Little Dear. Clarinet Solo-Friendless Blues. Clarinet Solo-Riverside Stomp. Douglas Williams. V-38031. Whistling Solo-Listen to the Mocking Bird. Margaret McKee. 19894.

Song-I'm Lonely and Blue. Jimmie Rodgers with Orchestra. Song-The Sailor's Plea. Jimmie Rodgers with the Three Southerners. V-40054.

5.53-6.36 p.m. Instrumental.

Piano Solo-Valse Caprice (Rubinstein). Piano Solo-Valse Brillante (Chopin). Ignace Jan Paderewski. 0871.

Violin Solo-(a) The Bee (Schubert). (b) Waltz in D Flat (Chopin). Violin Solo-Caprice (Grieg). Alexander Schmidt. 20014.

Organ Solo-Aloha Oe (Farwell to Thee) (Lillibokalm). Organ Solo-Chan De Bonheur (Song of Happiness) (Lemare). Edwin H. Lemare. 21121. Piano Solo-Etude Tableaux (Rachmaninoff). Piano Solo-Dance of the Gnomes (Liszt).

Sergei Rachmaninoff. 1184. Harp Solo-Autumn (Thomas). Francis J. Lapitino. Piccolo Solo-Song of the Nightingale (Filipovsky). Clement Barons. 20420.

Violoncello Solo-Serenade (Pierne). Violoncello Solo-Simple Avou (Thome). Alfred Wallenstein. 20104.

7.00 p.m. Stock and mail notice.

6.36-7.10 p.m. Operatic.

Song-Thais-Mirror Song (Massenet). Song-Thais-Love Has Long Been a Rare Virtue (Massenet). Marin Juritsa (Soprano). 1214. Orchestral-Mignon-Overture (Thomas).

Chicago Symphony Orch. 0850. Song-La Favorita-A Vision! A Spirit of Beauty (Donizetti). Song-La Boheme-Coldhearted Mimi (Puccini).

Antonio Corlis (Tenor). 1125. Orchestral-The Bat-Selection (Johann Strauss). Marek Weber and His Orch. 21020.

7.10-7.41 p.m. Concert Waltzes.

Luxembourg Waltz (Lehar). International Concert Orch. 08767. Moonlight on the Altar (Fitzes). Siren of the Ball (Lehar-Schott).

Marek Weber and His Orch. 35802. Southern Roses (Johann Strauss). Blue Danube (Johann Strauss). Arthur Freyer's Band. 35700. Carmen Sylva (Ivanovich). Eva (Lehar-Schott).

Nat Shilkret and His International Orchestra. V-50013. 7.41-8.00 p.m. Musical Comedy.

The Maid of the Mountains-Vocal Gems. Light Opera Company. C2063. Dollar Princess-Medley. Nat Shilkret and His International Orchestra. V-50011.

8.00 p.m. Local time and weather report. 8.03-11.30 p.m. Relay from Ko Shing Theatre. 10.30 p.m. Rugby mid-day press news. 11.30 p.m. Close down.

GRAIN SHIPS FROM HUDSON BAY.

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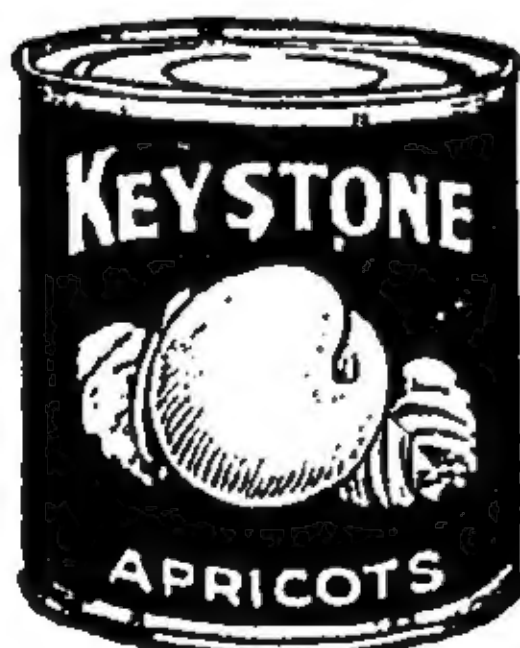
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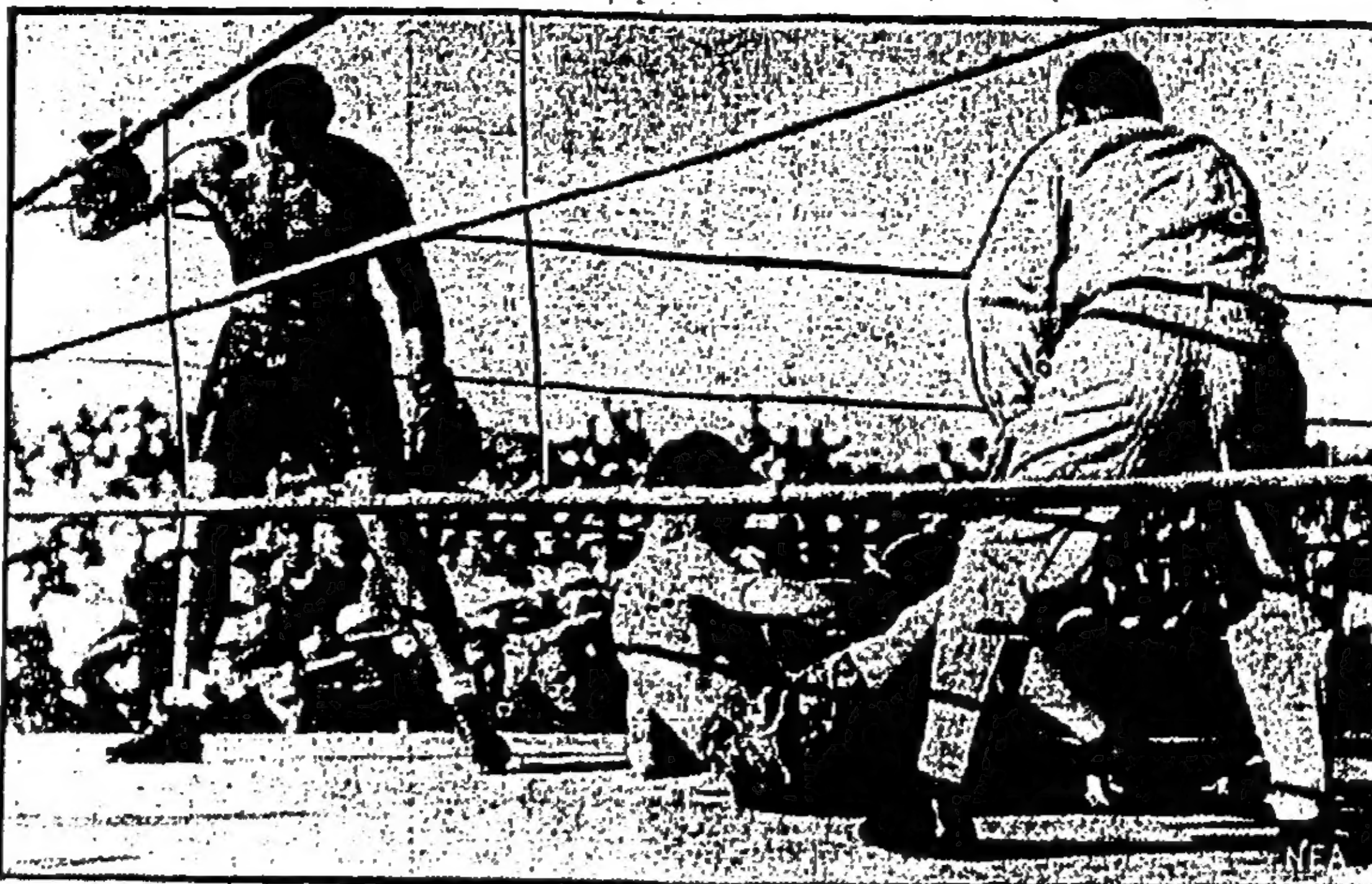
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SHEK O GOLF.

**MR. J. M. WALKER WINS
CHAMPIONSHIP.**

The seventh Shek O Golf Championship was played for on Sunday, and was won by Mr. J. M. Walker who completed the eighteen holes in 158, taking 79 for the first nine holes and 79 for the second nine. Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell was the runner-up, taking one stroke more than the winner.

There were twenty-two entrants and the following were the ten best scores:
J. M. Walker 79 & 79=158
E. J. R. Mitchell 77 & 82=159
H. G. Sheldon 79 & 83=162
D. G. Bruce 80 & 84=164
C. L. Sandes 85 & 82=167
C. B. Johnson 90 & 77=167
H. Owen Hughes 82 & 85=167
Dr. C. H. Burton 80 & 87=167
H. R. S. Hancock 87 & 81=168
E. G. N. Grimble 84 & 85=169
His Excellency Sir William Peel and Lady Peel were present, and Lady Peel presented the prizes.

R.I.K.K. Golf Club.

Two errors have occurred in results of competitions published recently. In the Adamson Cup qualifying round, October, the best score was returned by A. G. Urwell (80-17=97), and not as announced.

In the Bogey Pool, E. P. White's score should have been given as one up, and not one down.

KOWLOON RUGGER.

**TEAM SELECTED TO MEET
MEDWAY TO-MORROW.**

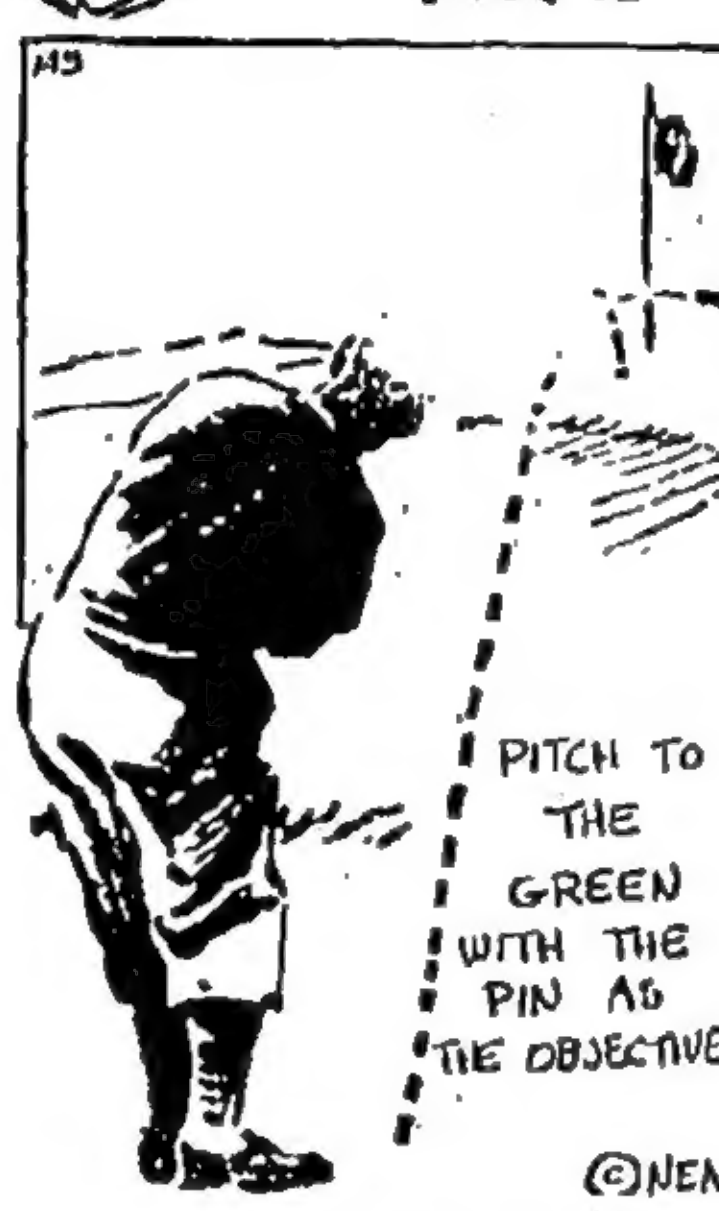
The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon Rugby Club against a team from H.M.S. Medway, at King's Park, at 5 p.m. on Wednesday:
L. D. Skinner; H. H. Muller, T. Whitley, L. M. James, A. Jenner; Lieut. Younger; D. Crozier (captain); J. Wilson, R. G. Wicheil, A. Gurevitch, G. G. Bonham, J. Riddell, W. Stoker, J. Purvis, L. Tapple, R. Reeves, S. E. Edgar, H. Broken-shire, J. White, J. Edwards.

LOCAL RUGBY.

**TEAMS FOR THE CLUB
TRIAL MATCH.**

The following are the teams for the Club's second trial to be played at Happy Valley at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow:
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Matches between good golfers as a rule are won around the greens. My advice to a golfer with championship aspirations is to concentrate on developing his short game, his iron shots. Learn to hit the ball firmly, with the pin as the objective. Pitch shots will win more matches than all the 250-yard drives from the tee.—ART KRENZ

Holmes, H. V. Koop; J. S. Lee, and F. C. B. Black; J. H. McElroy, F. A. Merry, E. F. Buttress, F. R. Burch, W. E. Peers, B. P. Maavey, G. E. Devonshire, and H. D. Clarke. Colours—S. J. H. Fox; G. E. Lam-nert, R. H. Griffiths, C. J. D. Law, W. D. Johnson; M. W. Turner, & L. G. Robertson; G. C. Moutrie, A. R. Cox, W. R. Andrews, W. Mitford, G. C. Humphreys, H. D. Clippendale, L. B. Smith, and A. N. Other; Referee—W. F. Leckie.

HOME FOOTBALL.

**SECOND DIVISION RESULTS
IN SCOTTISH LEAGUE.**

East Stirling increased their advantage over the other teams in the Second Division of the Scottish League, their match against Edinburgh on Saturday ending in a victory for the leaders by two clear goals. St. Johnstone and Sten'muir were engaged on the former's ground and played a drawn game, Bo'ness, by winning against Albion, superseding the latter.

The full results as called by Our Own Correspondent are appended together with the revised league table:

League Table.					
East Stirling	13	10	1	2	33 16 21
St. Johnstone	13	9	1	3	33 20 19
Bo'ness	13	9	1	3	20 19 18
Sten'muir	12	8	2	2	34 21 18
Forfar	12	7	3	2	24 19 17
Hibernians	13	6	3	4	27 17 15
Ruth Rovers	13	7	1	5	33 25 15
East Fife	13	6	2	5	27 23 14
St. Bernard's	13	6	3	4	27 23 13
King's Park	13	6	3	4	28 24 13
Albion	13	6	3	4	24 22 13
Queen O' Sth.	13	6	0	7	35 31 12
Arbroath	13	6	1	7	26 24 11
Dunfermline	13	4	3	6	23 25 11
Dumbarton	13	2	4	7	16 29 8
Brechin	13	3	2	8	18 39 8
Albion	13	3	0	10	20 40 6
Edinburgh	12	1	2	9	19 46 4
Armadale	13	1	2	10	13 30 4

LOCAL HOCKEY.

**RADIO SPORTS CLUB DEFEAT
UNIVERSITY.**

A hockey match was played between the Radio Sports Club and the University on the latter's ground yesterday, commencing at 6.15 p.m. The state of the ground and weather in general were unsuitable for good play, with a slight drizzle and conditions underfoot very slippery. The University scored two goals in the first half within 15 minutes of play starting, but the Radio men countered through Gurbachan Singh. The scores were even at half time. Resuming, the Radio team scored a further goal through Kalwant Singh. The University tried their best to make matters even, without success, and the final whistle blew with the scores 3 to 2 in favour of the Radio Sports Club.

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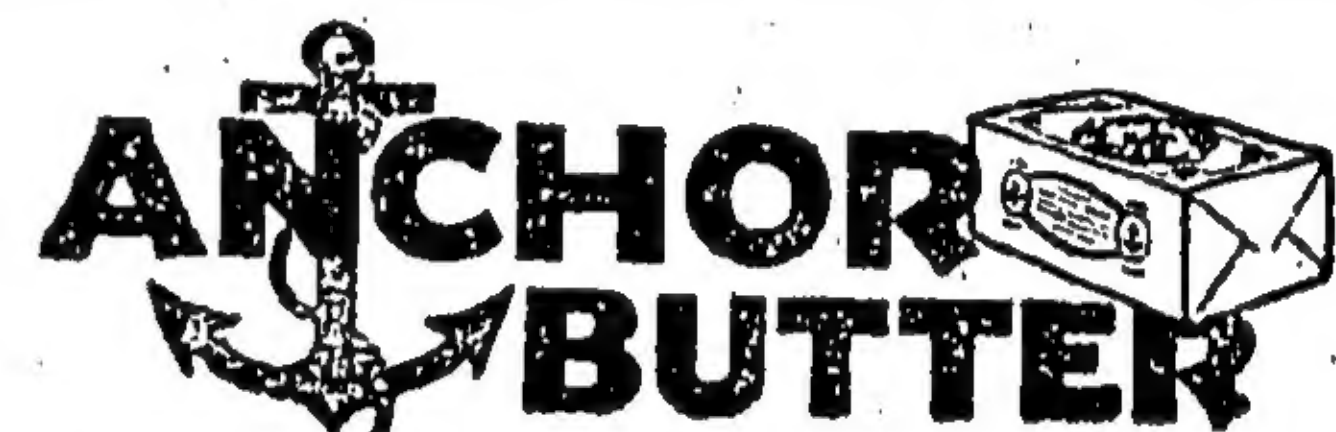
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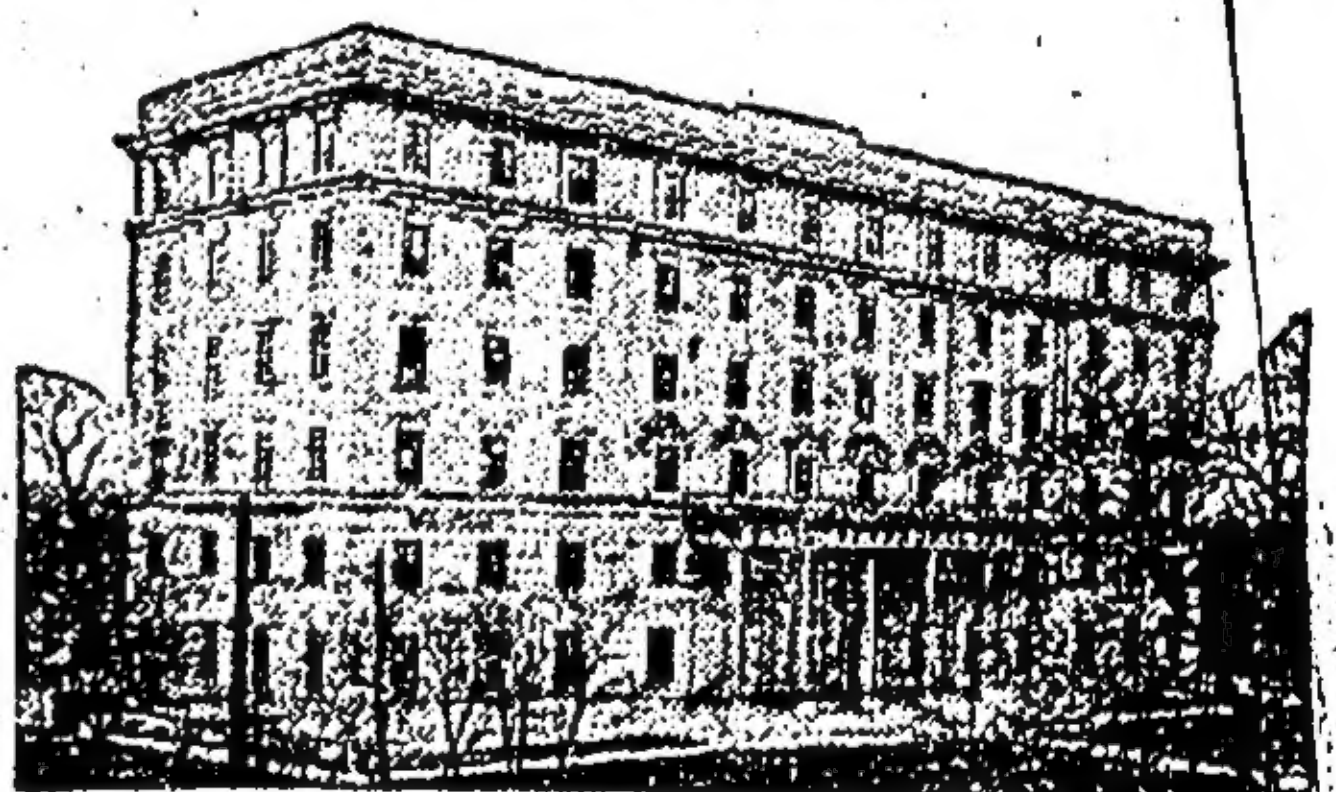
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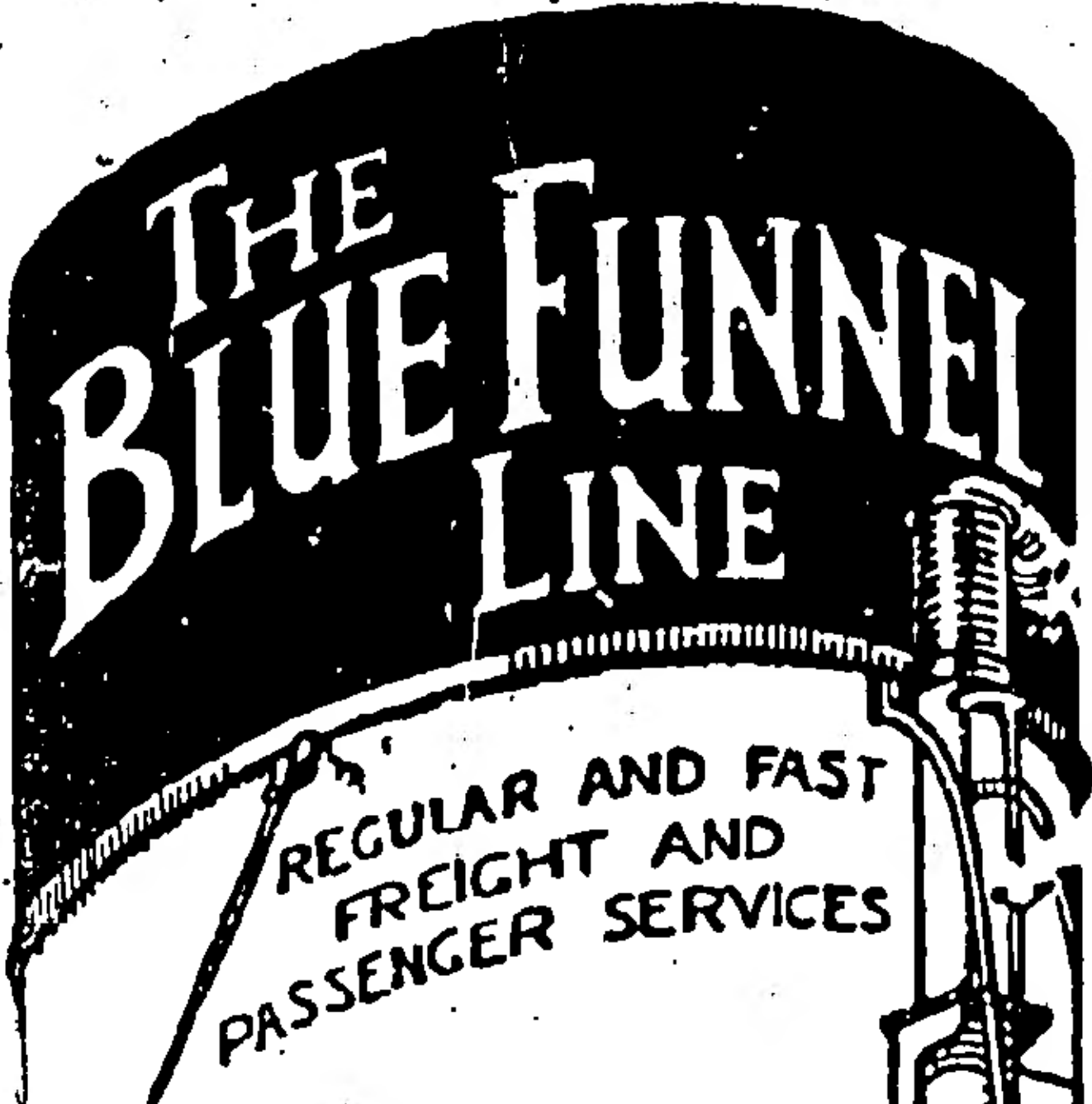


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THE MANCHURIA CRISIS.

BETTER ATMOSPHERE AT
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JAPANESE PLAN.

Geneva, Oct. 19.
The Council meeting this morning will be private.
Although nothing has yet been settled regarding fixing the period for withdrawal of Japanese troops in Manchuria to the railway zone, the matter has naturally been a point of discussion by the Council, and three weeks seems the natural limit. It will be remembered that on the previous occasion fourteen days was fixed as the limit; but it must be emphasized, however, that nothing has been finally decided.

Japanese Memorandum.

The Japanese, who throughout the proceedings have been very anxious that the practical problems facing them in Manchuria should not be lost sight of, have now handed to the Council a long memorandum setting forth these difficulties, and declaring that despite the appeals of Japanese nationals they have refused to send troops to the interior of Manchuria, adding that Japan firmly intends to withdraw her troops but the atmosphere of agitation now prevailing in China must first be calmed or a worse situation may arise. Despite the assurances by China and the League for the safety of the Japanese in Manchuria, the Japanese Government cannot risk their lives by a premature evacuation.

The moderate tone of this note has created a good impression here.

Objections Replied To.

M. Briand's reply to the Japanese memorandum of October 18 declares that all the members of the League agree that the reasons and opportunity would never justify an infringement of the Covenant, but he has carefully examined the question raised by the Japanese in their letter of October 16, and it was hoped his reply of the same date would have assured Japanese scruples regarding the methods adopted.

The proposal to invite the American observer was simply intended to complete an arrangement already made to facilitate the transmission of information to the Council. Juridical questions did not arise, and were consequently reserved. He considered it would not serve any good purpose to undertake a juridical examination of problems at present inapplicable.

Better Atmosphere.

The private sitting lasted exactly an hour, ending at 11.30. It is understood that a much better atmosphere prevails. Real progress is being made towards a formula, though still no definite limit for the evacuation has been reached.

The Japanese memorandum, which is intended for the press and not the Council, has produced a very favourable impression, as showing a more conciliatory disposition on the part of Japan, which strengthens the belief that a satisfactory solution may be found.

M. Briand to-day is seeing the Chinese and Japanese delegates in an endeavour to effect an agreement on formula.

The German delegate has received more reassuring information.

AFTER AIR ELOPEMENT.



Clearly happy in the role of bride was Mrs. Aimee Sample McPherson Hutton as she posed with her third husband, David Hutton, in the patio of Angelus Temple, Los Angeles, following their romantic air elopement.

FANLING GOLF.

O. EAGER WINS WEEK-END BOGEY POOL.

O. Eager with a handicap of ten won the Bogey Pool on the old course at Fanling over the week-end, finishing three up with L. Goldman (10) two up, second. There were fifty entries altogether.

Other scores were D. F. C. Cleland (10) one up; C. W. F. Booker (6) and C. Mycock (10) all square, J. K. MacFarlan (3), L. G. S. Dodwell (5) and E. P. White (17) one down.

tion from Manchuria, stating that traffic on the Mukden-Hallung railway has resumed, and Japan has abandoned her intention of landing troops at Shanghai.

Nothing is yet known regarding the next meeting of the Council.

Japanese Scheme.

It is understood that the Japanese delegation has submitted a scheme for solution of the conflict embodying five points, particulars of which are not disclosed, but which, if agreed upon, would obviate any direct intervention by the League and at the same time satisfy Japanese public opinion.

This, as well as the Council's formula, will doubtless form the basis of this afternoon's discussion.

It is believed that one of the points deals with the question of the Chinese building a parallel railway to the existing Mukden line, and a possible solution of this difficulty might be found in joint Sino-Japanese control of the new line if completed.

"Shaforce" Recalled.

The Japanese memorandum, referring to the anti-Japanese movement in Manchuria, said that not only Japan had been the object of such campaigns.

Britain in 1927 was obliged,

FREIGHT ON RUBBER.

REDUCTION BY THE MALAYAN CONFERENCE.

Singapore, Oct. 19.
The shipping conference has reduced the freight rate on rubber from eleven and a half to five and a half gold dollars, this reduction operating until the departure of the steamship Siljestad from Malayan ports.

It is believed the conference has notified shippers that if they wish to take advantage of the reduction they must sign an agreement to ship rubber only by ships approved by the conference.—*Reuter*.

under similar circumstances, to land troops at Shanghai.

A letter addressed to the Secretary General by the Japanese delegation sums up the anti-Japanese measures in China, chiefly in the Yangtze region, charging the Chinese authorities with flagrant acts of hostility, violating the spirit and letter of international treaties.—*Reuter*.

The Kellogg Pact.

Geneva, Oct. 18.

It is understood that the British representatives at Tokyo and Nanking have been instructed verbally to draw the attention of the Japanese and Chinese Governments to their obligations under Article Two of the Kellogg Pact, which states:

"The High Contracting Parties agree that the settlement or solution of all disputes or conflicts of whatever nature or whatever origin they may be, which may arise among them, shall never be sought except by pacific means."

The opinion is expressed in League circles that the other signatories concerned will act similarly.—*Reuter*.

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ELECTION SCRAP.

NEW PARTY'S LEADER IN FREE FIGHT.

London, Oct. 19.
The comparative orderliness of the election campaign was rudely shattered at Birmingham last night when the New Party leader, Sir Oswald Mosley and his body-guard, including the boxer Kid Lewis, were involved in a free fight with a section of a crowd of 15,000 people in the rag market in which several people were slightly hurt.—*Reuter.*

London, Oct. 19.
Mr. Lloyd George, interviewed to-day, denied that he had any secret pact with the Socialists. He said there was no pact even regarding his own constituency.—*Reuter.*

Sunday's cables mentioned a newspaper which said that Mr. Lloyd George intended to go over to the Socialists as soon as he was sufficiently recovered from his illness to be able to resume active work.

In an election address to the Seamen electors to-day, the Prime Minister asks for a vote of confidence to enable the Government to secure three essential things:

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Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Palmer celebrate their silver wedding to-day at their home in Stanley Terrace, and the occasion will give pleasure to a wide circle of friends.

They were married at the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Hongkong on October 20, 1906, by the Rev. William J. Webb Anderson. Mrs. Palmer, who was formerly Miss Elizabeth Ellen Brewerton comes from Oxford, and Mr. Palmer from London.

Mr. Palmer is a very old resident of the Colony, having arrived here in 1899. After serving as the Chief Timekeeper of the Taikoo Sugar Refinery for five years, he joined the Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Co. (Ewo) in 1907 as Spinning Master and held this post for the next seven years.

Upon the removal of the Mill to Shanghai in 1914, Mr. Palmer joined the China Sugar Refinery Co. and remained with them for twelve years. When the Refinery closed down recently, Mr. Palmer returned to Taikoo and is now in the Dockyard as Time-keeper.

The interests of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer in Hongkong have largely been centred in the Gospel Hall, at present in Duddell Street. Besides their evangelical work, they have earned note by the entertaining which they have done for Service men and men of the Merchant Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer will be the recipients of general congratulations to-day from numerous friends who will wish them many more years of happiness together.

MOTOR ACCIDENT INQUIRY.

DEATH OF A CHINESE INVESTIGATED.

A recent motor fatality in which Mr. F. Burrell knocked down a Chinese in Tin Lok Lane had a sequel before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon, when a Coroner's inquest was held with the assistance of a jury comprising Messrs. A. Hyde (Jury foreman), J. M. Morhaus and P. R. Kahn.

Dr. G. H. Thomas, Medical Officer of the Government Civil Hospital, said that the deceased was admitted on October 3 suffering from other injuries, fractures of both femurs. His condition became worse and at 3.15 p.m. on October 8 he died of shock and exhaustion following the double fracture.

Mr. H. Watt, Manager of the Seamen's Institute, stated that at the time he was on the verandah of A Morrison Hill Road, and watched the approach of a motor car along the road. In the way of the car were two Chinese and when the car approached to within six yards of them the lights were switched on full and the vehicle accelerated. The two men scattered, one running to the right and the other to the left. The car swerved to the left and struck one of the men before hitting a post and the shafts of a ricksha. Witness could not say whether any horn was sounded.

Companion's Evidence.

The other man with the deceased said they were ahead when the car came up from behind without any warning. It mounted the pavement, struck the deceased and threw him forward. The driver and two other occupants ran away. A Police Inspector arrived followed by constables who rushed the car off the pavement. The injured man was taken away in an ambulance.

In answer to the Coroner, witness said that the Europeans afterwards returned to the spot. He did not think the Inspector saw them run away.

The car also, collided with a ricksha and damaged the mudguard. The proprietor of a barber's shop at 22 Li Tung Street said that the deceased had been employed by him.

Police Evidence.

Acting Inspector McLellan said that on the evening in question he was on patrol, walking through Tin Lok Lane when he saw a car approach from the opposite direction towards Hennessey Road. At the same time he observed two Chinese pedestrians walking on the roadway in the same direction as the car. He heard a motor-horn being sounded. Both pedestrians separated, one going to the left and the other to the right side of the road.

Witness was on the left side of the road and the car passed him and, as he thought, cleared both pedestrians. He did not notice them at the time, but on hearing a crash behind him he looked round and saw the car in a ditch at the junction of Wanchai Road and Tin Lok Lane. Even then he did not realise that anybody had been injured. On running to the spot he saw an injured man lying in the gutter, a little bit clear of the car. He thought that the car before the crash was travelling at a speed between 15 and 20 miles an hour.

Driver's Version.

Mr. Frank Burrell, of Taikoo Mess, Butterfield & Swire, giving evidence, said: I was going from

OLD ENGLISH FAIR.

SECRETARY'S REPORT ON THE RESULTS.

The Hon. Secretary of the St. Andrew's Church Council has expressed the Council's gratitude to all those whose efforts and gifts contributed to the success of the Old English Fair on October 3.

As a result of the Fair, a sum of just over \$2,400 has been added to the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Fund for the renovation and extension of St. Andrew's Church organ. Such a result was made possible very largely through the generosity of the following firms and individuals, to whom the Council wishes to express their deep sense of obligation and gratitude: The Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd., The British American Tobacco Co. (China), Ltd., The Britannia Aerated Water Co., Ltd., The Cafe Pavilion, Alina Cameron, Esq., The China Light and Power Co., Ltd., The Dairy Farm Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., A. R. Gardner, Esq., Messrs. Gilman and Co., Ltd., Messrs. John D. Hutchison and Co., Ltd., Messrs. W. C. Jack and Co., Ltd., Messrs. Lane Crawford, Ltd., Messrs. W. R. Loxley and Co., Messrs. Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Milk Co., Ltd., Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Messrs. Harry Wicking and Co., The Wing On Co., Ltd., and Messrs. Yat Hing and Co.

the Hongkong Hotel to the Hongkong Electric Recreation Club at North Point. Driving a car, I went along Queen's Road East and followed the tramlines to reach Hennessey Road.

"At the junction of Hennessey Road I observed two Chinese walking on the road. No notice was taken of my blowing my horn. I was approximately 6 to 10 yards away when the Chinese separated, one going to the right and the other going to the left. I swerved the car slightly to the pavement on the near side of the road to avoid the man on the right, straightened out and then carried on at 10 to 15 miles an hour, there obviously being enough room to pass between the two. As I was approaching Hennessey Road I looked ahead for any traffic or other pedestrians that might be on the roadway. On looking nearer I saw what I presume to be the same Chinese who had turned to the left about two or three yards ahead of the car going to the centre of the road. I immediately let out my clutch, stepped on the footbrake and swerved to the right, and looked to the right to see if the roadway was clear. During that time the rear front wheel struck the man who had left the near side of the road."

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Witness mentioned that the car was brought up short on contact with a tramway standard. The brakes, he said, were applied so suddenly that the two tyres burst in the spot, and a third also burst either before or on contact with the tramway standard.

Asked if he had taken any liquor at the Hongkong Hotel prior to taking the car eastwards, witness mentioned that he had a gimlet, a sherry, a whiskey and a liqueur.

Asked if the car had mounted the pavement prior to the accident, witness replied in the negative. He said he did not accelerate. Both headlights were on.

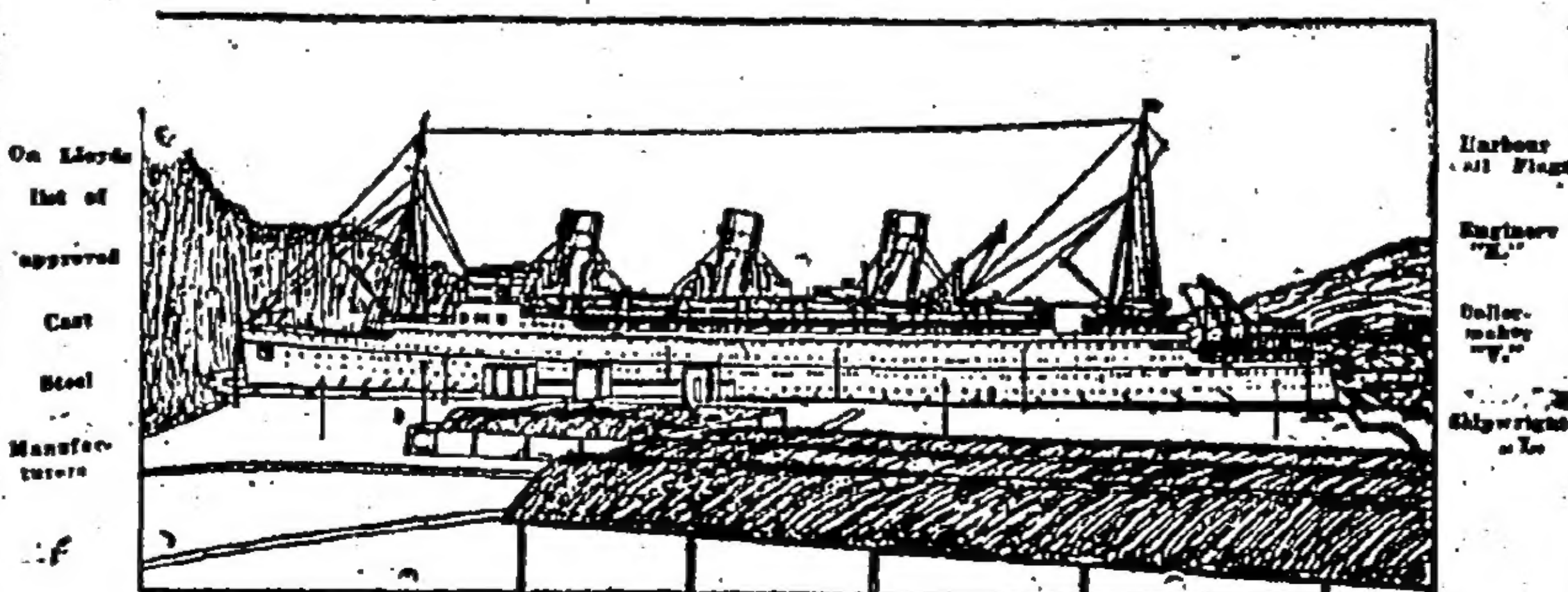
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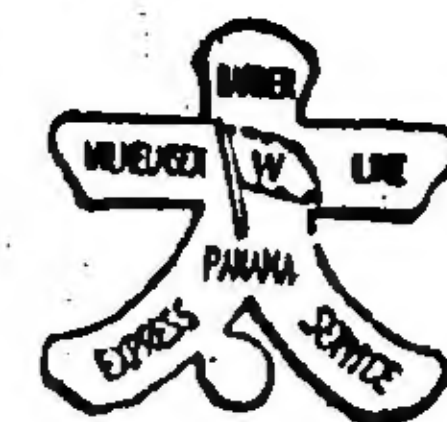
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THE CHINA PEACE CONFERENCE.

LI CHAI-SUM TO ATTEND.

Nanking, Oct. 20.
It has been disclosed that at the conference between General Chiang Kai-shek and Marshal Li Chai-sum yesterday morning, the Nanking Generalissimo invited the former Military Commander-in-Chief in Kwangtung and Kwangsi to participate in the peace conference between the Nanking and Southern delegations.

Marshal Li Chai-sum left for Shanghai last evening by the express train to meet Mr. Hu Han-min, and it is understood that he has consented to attend the Conference. Messrs. Yu Yu-jen, Li Shih-tang, Wu Tieh-chen, Lo Wen-kan left for Shanghai yesterday to welcome Mr. Wang Ching-wei and the other Canton delegates.

Retired politicians including Messrs. Ku Meng-yu and Chen Kun-yu (Lafayette) and Chow Lu (Western Hill Political Clique) have arrived in Shanghai to consult with Mr. Hu Han-min on arrangements for the opening of the preliminary conference.

M. BRIAND SEEKS FORMULA.

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seems to be that unless China makes up her mind once and for all to observe her "Treaties with Japan," both in the spirit and in the letter, and to respect Japan's rights and interests, no amount of discussion or negotiation is likely to terminate the controversy.

Commenting on the speech made by Dr. Alfred See, the head of the Chinese Delegation at the meeting of the Council of the League of Nations, on Tuesday, the *Nichi Nichi* says that the speech from beginning to end glosses over China's faults and ignores the fact that China has conducted and is conducting a serious infringement of Japanese rights. On the other hand, the same paper regards Mr. Yoshizawa's speech last Tuesday as a manifestation of Japanese national opinion and expresses confidence that the League will, after all, agree that Japan's attitude is justifiable.

Ruhr Reminder.

The *Asahi* calls to mind that when France occupied the Ruhr the occupation lasted for a year and a half and no warning of the action she was taking was served by France. Japan's occupation, says the *Asahi* is only for the purpose of maintaining peace and order as China could not hold the responsibility for doing so. "Therefore, Japan's action is natural and even deserves appreciation and the thanks of the civilized countries of the world for its promotion and enhancement of the interests of humanity."—*Reuter*.

NEW SOLICITOR ADMITTED.

FIRST CHINESE TO PRACTISE IN LONDON.

BORN IN HONGKONG.

The first Chinese solicitor to practise in London was, this morning, admitted to the Hongkong courts by the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp), when application for the admission and enrolment of Mr. Peter Henry Sin was made by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, K.C.

Mr. Jenkin said Mr. Sin was 30 years of age, and was born in this Colony, where he also received part of his education. He was articled in London for five years and passed his Finals in March, 1929. In June of the same year, he was admitted to the London practice, and became a partner in the firm of Barnett, Sin, and Barnett for two years.

He was, incidentally, the first man of Chinese nationality to be admitted as a solicitor to practise in London. He was also retained in London as legal advisor to the Chinese Consul-General and the London Chinese Association. He was identified by Mr. P. M. Hodgson and Mr. A. E. Hall.

There were two matters in respect of which Mr. Sin was not able to comply with the Legal Practitioners Ordinance. He had not given the required four months' notice to the Law Society, but had given three, while he also had only one, instead of the required two certificates of character, signed by practising solicitors in England. Mr. Jenkin asked His Lordship to admit Mr. Sin and accept the one certificate of character.

Sir Joseph Kemp:—Can Mr. Sin obtain another certificate? Mr. Jenkin:—One has been sent for, and is expected to arrive any moment.

Question of Notice.
His Lordship said that in regard to the question of exemption from giving the four months' notice, such exemptions had been given rather freely in the past, and the Law Society had recently made representations to him on the point, their view being that the requirement should be strictly adhered to except under special circumstances. He had decided to adopt the procedure, and allow the exemption from the four months' notice only in special cases.

In the present case, three months' notice had been given, while it appeared that Mr. Sin had practised for two years. In addition, Mr. Hall had left, and the matter was urgent, so that he was willing to allow the exemption providing Mr. Sin supplied him with another certificate of character within three months.

Addressing Mr. Sin, His Lordship said:—I have much pleasure in admitting you as a solicitor to this Court, and I hope your career here will be a successful one.

Mr. Sin:—Thank you, my Lord. Mr. Sin is entering the business of Mr. A. E. Hall, of Karamally Building.

AIDING THE NATION.

DUKE OF ABERCORN'S SACRIFICE.

The Duke of Abercorn, the Governor of Northern Ireland, has offered, voluntarily, to surrender 20 per cent. of his salary of £8,000 as Governor.

This surrender corresponds to the reduction made in the salaries of Judges and Cabinet Ministers of the highest rank.

The Home Secretary, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, has expressed warm appreciation of the Governor's action.

An Englishwoman, who has returned to England after living in the United States for 25 years, has sent a cheque for 1,000 dollars to Mr. Snowden. She desires her gift to be anonymous, but hopes that it will act as an incentive to others to send gifts according to their means.

Major S. E. Harvey, Conservative M.P. for the Totnes Division of Devon, has decided to forgo his Parliamentary salary in consequence of the national crisis.

FUNERAL OF LATE MR. E. LEONG.

TO TAKE PLACE THIS
AFTERNOON.

The funeral of the late Mr. Ernest Leong takes place this afternoon, the cortege leaving his residence, No. 4, Prospect Place at 3.30 p.m. and passing the Monument at 6 p.m.

The late Mr. Leong was the son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Leong On Tong and was born at Melbourne 52 years ago. He came to Hongkong as a boy of seven and was educated at the Diocesan Boys' School.

After holding various positions with the South China Morning Post, the Slinger Sewing Machine Company, and other firms, he joined the staff of the National City Bank of New York in 1911 and remained with the bank until his death.

His kind and sympathetic nature won for him the high regard and respect of all who knew him. He leaves a widow and five children, and a brother and sister to mourn his loss.

Possessing a very bad record, a man named Li Lam was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour by Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for returning from banishment. It was stated that the defendant had returned from banishment twice before, and had been convicted several times for larceny.

Last week's health return shows five cases of typhoid (one imported), and one each of diphtheria and paratyphoid fever. The last-named terminated fatally. There were also six deaths from tuberculosis. Two further typhoid cases were notified yesterday.

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